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Countdown Begins for Governor Veto of Port Ambrose

The fate of the ocean off New York and New Jersey lies in the hands of Governor Christie and Governor Cuomo, with the closing of last public hearing on Port Ambrose, the proposal by Liberty Natural Gas, to build a Liquefied Natural Gas port yesterday.

According to federal officials, under the Deepwater Port Act, both Governor Christie and Governor Cuomo have the power to veto the proposed Port Ambrose offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility. Beginning today, the Governors will have 45 days to veto Port Ambrose, the veto window will close on December 21st.

Today Clean Ocean Action, along with various New Jersey groups sent a letter to Governor Christie urging him to keep his vow and veto Port Ambrose. Governor Christie used his veto power back in 2011 to reject a similar offshore LNG project. In addition the Governor made a strong statement on Earth Day, April 22nd 2010, stating *“as long as I am governor I will oppose any application for any type of liquefied natural gas project.”* The Governors initial concerns regarding offshore LNG remain the same concerns for the Port Ambrose facility.

“After four days of public hearings the consensus is clear; 99% of citizens commenting on Port Ambrose are opposed to this dangerous, unnecessary project. We have waited for this day since 2011 when the federal agencies defied Governor Christie and ignored his original veto. We trust that the Governor will act quickly and veto Port Ambrose. It cannot happen soon enough,” said Cindy Zipf, Executive Director of Clean Ocean Action.

[Read the letter to the Governor Christie here.](#)

A coalition of groups in New York also delivered a letter to Governor Cuomo today at his New York City office calling for him to veto Port Ambrose.

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