



## FIRST FEDERAL HEARINGS ON BROADWATER Citizens Will Give Coast Guard and FERC an Ear Full Many Boycott SUNY Stony Brook Hearing in Protest

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The first federal hearings on the Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas factory proposed for Long Island Sound will take place on Long Island September 13 and 14 with similar sessions planned for Connecticut later.

Environmental and civic leaders and elected officials critical of the Broadwater scheme are expected to attend the September 14 hearing on safety and security being held by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at the Albert Prodel Middle School in Shoreham, starting at 7:00 p.m. The school is located on the east side of Randall Road in Shoreham, just south of Route 25A.

**A protest rally will be held beginning at 6:00 at the same location. Most Long Islanders oppose the project for environmental and safety reasons.**

"Since the federal government will be making most of the decisions on Broadwater, they can expect an ear full when Long Islanders get their first chance to weigh in on this dreadful plan," said Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment, one of the groups organizing the protest. "Whether its recreationalists or those who make their living from the Sound, we'll be there to discuss our safety and security concerns," she said.

The community groups and elected officials are expected to bypass the first hearing, set for the Wang Center at SUNY Stony Brook the night before. "SUNY Stony Brook officials are among a tiny minority of Broadwater proponents, so we feel this venue is not appropriate for an objective hearing," said Sid Bail, President of the Wading River Civic Association and an early Broadwater opponent.

Riverhead Supervisor Phil Cardinale is expected to be among the Long Island elected officials speaking out against Broadwater at the September 14 hearing. He has called on Governor George Pataki and Attorney General Elliot Spitzer to help Long Island government fight the Broadwater project. The Town board turned down a cash payment to Riverhead in exchange for supporting the LNG facility – a floating platform the size of the largest passenger liners to be anchored in mid-sound off the coast of Wading River. "We were the first government to oppose the Broadwater plan and the federal government has not heard the last from us," Supervisor Cardinale said.