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NEW GOVERNMENT REPORT FINDS LNG BARGE WILL POSE EXTENSIVE RISK ***An Attack on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Vessel in Long Island Sound Could Cause Widespread Damage***

Long Island – A new report released today characterized a potentially successful terrorist attack on a LNG transport tanker as “a high consequence event.” The 166 page study, conducted by Sandia National Laboratories, represents the most definitive assessment of LNG tanker risks to date and is intended to be used as a basis for all government policies about LNG siting and security issues.

The report found that if an explosion should tear a hole in a tanker or storage tank, the escaping liquid would be transformed instantaneously into a gas and probably would ignite a massive fire. The study also determined that a pool of LNG released in the water and then ignited, as it vaporized would create a giant fireball that would expand outward to a distance twice the size of the pool itself.

“The study reveals that if an accident or an act of terrorism occurs at this proposed facility both can result in serious injury to the Long Island Sound and the public,” said Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE).

The report has substantial information about scenarios involving a spill of LNG over water. The entire study can be viewed at www.fossil.energy.gov.

Citizens Campaign for the Environment is an 80,000 member, not-for-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization working for the protection of public health and the natural environment.

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