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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR CUOMO'S VETO
OF PORT AMBROSE OFFSHORE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
PROJECT**

*NYPIRG Applauds Governor Cuomo's Decision to Protect Local Community and Environment
by Vetoing Port Ambrose*

Governor Cuomo continues to show tremendous leadership by protecting New York State from dangerous and climate killing fossil fuel expansion. In vetoing the Port Ambrose project, the Governor has listened to the growing science against burning fossil fuels, calls from local business leaders to protect their livelihoods, elected officials reflection of their constituents' concerns, and New Yorkers standing up for the community and environment we love.

The urgency with which we must act on climate change could not be clearer. Ahead of the UN climate talks in Paris, the World Meteorological Organization has reported that global concentrations of greenhouse gases including methane – the main component of LNG – reached record levels in 2014. Methane is 87 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas for twenty years after emission.

New York must continue to lead in displacing the state's existing oil and gas dependence and must make the right investment—one in efficiency, demand reduction and renewable energy growth. Offshore wind projects, such as those proposed off the coast of Long Island, are essential to meeting long-term climate pollution reduction goals and have rightfully earned renewed focus from New York and federal government agencies. Such offshore wind could sustain 245,000 homes, help to move us to a renewable energy future, and would create thousands of jobs.

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