

JUST SAY NO TO BROADWATER

We are asking you to simply cut and paste the letter that appears below or write a letter of your own, protesting Broadwater to the following address on the web: ny.gov/governor and then simply click on "Contact the Governor."

Governor Patterson's announcement date is going to be on or around April 11th. A contact number for him, if you wish to call him by phone, is (518) 474-8390

Dear Governor Patterson

We at the North Fork Environmental Council field phone calls every day about Broadwater. Our members ask: *What can we do to stop this?; Why are we having this forced down our throats?; Why did we spend a ton of money and help preserve an estuary, only to have it polluted by Broadwater's chlorine wastewater which will kill marine life?*

This is the largest environmental issue on the collective mind of all Long Islanders. If Broadwater is to be built, fisherman lose, boaters lose, folks just going down to the beach lose and the environment loses. Additionally, the United States Coast Guard has gone on record in saying that it does not have the resources to protect the public from a possible terrorist attack or accident.

Broadwater has offered to provide the security necessary to protect the public and the transient tankers navigating the Sound and offloading its natural gas. I'm wondering why the federal government would even consider the outsourcing of the public's safety to a private security firm. Do we want another Blackwater-type incident here on Long Island? Protecting its citizenry is the first and foremost responsibility of any government, on any level. What can be done to stop this? The answer is simple.

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**Ken Rubino
President, North Fork Environmental Council**

Additional Background Information from the U. S. Coast Guard:

On February 11th, the Catalunya Spirit, a fully loaded LNG tanker manned by a crew of 29, lost power and was adrift off Cape Cod. The tanker did not re-gain navigational power for days and then only with assistance from the USCG. The five year old vessel, which was loaded in Trinidad, where Broadwater would bring its fuel from, has had problems in the past with cargo containment as well as previous engine problems. We can only be very thankful that there were no explosions, injuries or deaths.

Governor Patterson, we at the NFEC ask you:

- **If this accident occurred in the Long Island Sound, to where would this tanker have drifted?**
- **Would it have run aground on the rocks off of Baiting Hollow or Wading River?**
- **From where would help for the stricken vessel come? The USCG has said it does not have the resources to protect us. Where would help come from?**
- **How many thousands, if not millions of dollars in manpower and equipment usage did the USCG expend to provide help to a private company?**

Governor Patterson,

Is this what we want for Long Island or Connecticut? In the middle of the Long Island Sound?

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Ken Rubino, President, North Fork Environmental Council