

May 7, 2021

Energy Facilities Siting Board  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Energy Facilities Siting Board:

We write to you asking that you reject Sea 3's proposed expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in the Port of Providence.

Our communities in Providence, specifically the dense Washington Park and the South Side neighborhood, are already overburdened by fossil fuel development and polluting industries. Unfortunately, environmental assessments by the EPA have found that these community members, most of whom are predominantly low-income and people of color, are actively being exposed to high levels of dangerous pollutants, including diesel-based particulate matter, hazardous waste, and toxic air contaminants all of which are extremely harmful to one's health. As a result, residents of these neighborhoods experience higher rates of respiratory diseases, lung damage, neurological disorders, and cancer.

Therefore, the expansion of Sea 3 would further harm the public health of our neighbors. After all, Sea 3 is proposing an expansion of their Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) facility. This expansion would allow more LPG to come in by rail and be stored in new storage tanks that would add to the dozens upon dozens of tanks already storing toxic, explosive material. The proposed expansion of this facility would also increase diesel emissions in the Port area, which is already smogged by industrial activities and truck traffic. Furthermore, this expansion would set our state back from achieving our recently established goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. Clearly, this proposal raises public safety concerns that must be vetted by the EFSB and ultimately rejected.

We respectfully ask that the Energy Facilities Siting Board reject Sea 3's proposed expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in the Port of Providence, an already burdened neighborhood with some of the highest rates of asthma in the country.

Sincerely,

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