



## Energy company shelves proposal for Boston Harbor LNG

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**B**OSTON - A company that proposed building a liquefied natural gas terminal on a state-owned island in Boston Harbor is shelving the plan, according to a published report.

AES managing director Aaron Samson, managing director of energy company AES Corp. of Arlington, Va., told The Patriot Ledger of Quincy that opposition to placing the terminal on Outer Brewster Island led to the company's decision.

"It's a great site and it's got all the technical attributes that make it correct, but it's got all the other issues to go with it," Samson said.

Two other projects for LNG terminals off the coast of Gloucester have received state and federal approval.

"We still are monitoring the events up there for what's going to get built or not built, but it's getting a little crowded," Samson told the newspaper.

AES had said its proposal to bury two storage tanks on the island, which is owned by the state but is also part of a National Park, would not pose a safety or terrorism threat. Environmental groups and nearby residents had opposed a commercial venture on the island at the outer edge of the harbor about two miles from Hull and 10 miles from downtown Boston.

The plan's chief supporter in the Legislature, Rep. Brian Dempsey, D-Haverhill, House chairman of the Legislature's Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, said the Brewster Island proposal could be reconsidered later.

"It's a very good site we ought to be considering if we see there's still a need," Dempsey told the Ledger.

The committee's other co-chairman, Sen. Michael Morrissey, D-Quincy, said the plan faced too much opposition from residents, environmentalists and fishermen.

"It was a novel idea, don't get me wrong," Morrissey said. "It just had everybody ticked off."