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Boston Harbor in Feb 2018 received a shipment of liquefied natural gas (LNG) that contained gas from Novatek, a U.S.-sanctioned Russian natural gas producer. Washington (February 9, 2018) - Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, this week sent a letter to the Departments of State and Treasury querying the agencies about potential evasion of U.S. sanctions by Russian companies. Specifically, The United States imposed broad-based sanctions in 2014 on Russia in response to its ongoing occupation of Crimea and destabilization of eastern Ukraine. Despite these sanctions, Novatek shipped gas partially sourced from Yamal LNG, Novatek's LNG export facility, to Everett, Massachusetts, potentially evading sanctions by generating revenue from U.S. sales. Another shipment from Novatek to the United States is expected in the coming weeks. Senator Markey in his letter to Secretaries Rex Tillerson and Steven Mnuchin. "This shipment may therefore circumvent the U.S. sanctions and calls into question to what degree those sanctions are serving our broader foreign policy goals regarding Russia or require adjustment to better achieve those goals." shipment of LNG to Everett by Novatek violates either the letter or spirit of the 2014 sanctions. He also asks if the administration is aware of other sanctioned Russian companies engaging in similar transactions where financing is prohibited, as well as if the 2014 sanctions have been effective more broadly. The real-world result of pipeline absolutism in Massachusetts this winter has been to steer energy customers to pay higher gas prices from Russia. Activists need to think about where a large amount of this gas is coming from, something stinks about how Russian LNG is arriving in New England despite US sanctions against the company that produces the fuel. A Russian tanker carrying LNG, unloaded its gas at the District gas terminal in Everett last week. Another shipment containing Russian gas is expected to arrive in Boston Harbor this month. environmental activists have turned Massachusetts inside and out by the obsessed ideas over stopping domestic pipelines, no matter where those pipes go, what they carry, what fuels they displace, and how the ripple effects of those decisions may raise on taxpayers. Natural gas has shown itself to be an important bridge to a clean energy future. Another shipment from Novatek to the United States is expected in the coming weeks. Is the recent shipment of LNG to Massachusetts by Novatek violates either the letter or spirit of the 2014 sanctions. Today's environmental groups are simply political machines reporting millions in contributions and expenditures each year for the purpose of raising more money to pursue their agenda. the environmental movement needs a reset, and so does Massachusetts policy. *Ⓢ


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