

- Effects of emissions from 200 additional LNG ships on air quality.
- Reliability and Safety:
 - Assessment of hazards associated with the transport, unloading, storage, and vaporization of LNG.
 - Assessment of potential allision of LNG ships with ships.
 - Assessment of potential collisions of LNG ships with other ship traffic and structures in the port.
 - Assessment of security associated with LNG ship traffic and an LNG import terminal.
 - Assessment of hazards associated with a natural gas pipeline.
- Alternatives:
 - Assessment of the use of existing LNG import terminals and natural gas pipeline systems to reduce or avoid environmental impacts.
 - Evaluation of alternative sites for the LNG import and storage facilities, including offshore sites.
 - Evaluation of pipeline route alternatives.
 - Identification of measures to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource and special interest areas.
- Cumulative Impacts:
 - Assessment of the effect of the proposed project when combined with other past, present or reasonably foreseeable future actions in the Port of Freeport.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP03-75-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 16, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries

from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not return this form or send in written comments, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Public Scoping Meeting and Site Visit

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meeting we will conduct in the area. The location and time for this meeting is listed below:

June 3, 2003
7 p.m.

Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Highway 332 East, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566, Telephone: 979-415-2600

The public scoping meeting is designed to provide state and local agencies, interested groups, affected landowners, and the general public with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. A transcript of the meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

On the day after the meeting, we will also be conducting a limited site visit to the LNG terminal site and pipeline route. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit should meet at the Quintana Town Hall on Quintana Island, near the proposed LNG terminal site at 8:30 a.m. on June 4, 2003. The meeting place is near the intersection of Lamar and 8th Streets on Quintana Island. Participants must provide their own transportation. For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 502-8004.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS scoping process, you may want to

become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor status plays a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in appendix 3, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EIS.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.