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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[USCG-2002-14134]

#### Port Pelican LLC Deepwater Port License Application

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS, and  
Maritime Administrative, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final environmental impact  
statement, notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard and the  
Maritime Administration announce the  
availability of the final environmental  
impact statement for the Port Pelican  
LLC Deepwater Port License  
Application. We request your input on  
this final environmental impact  
statement, which covers the  
construction and operation of a  
liquefied natural gas deepwater port  
known as "Port Pelican" and associated  
anchorage on the Outer Continental  
Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico,  
approximately 36 miles south southwest  
of Freshwater City, Louisiana.

**DATES:** The final environmental impact  
statement (FEIS) will be available on  
August 29, 2003. Comments must reach  
the Coast Guard on or before October 2,  
2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The FEIS will be available  
in the docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> under docket number  
USCG-2002-14134 or by contacting the  
U.S. Coast Guard as indicated under

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Comments may be submitted in several  
ways. To make sure your comments and  
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(1) Electronically through the Web  
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Facility (USCG-2002-14134), U.S.  
Department of Transportation, Room  
PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW.,  
Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management  
Facility at (202) 493-2251.

(4) By delivery to Room PL-401 on  
the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building,  
400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington  
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comments, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If  
you have questions about the project,  
you may contact Commander Mark  
Prescott, U.S. Coast Guard at (202) 267-  
0225 or [mprescott@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mprescott@comdt.uscg.mil). If  
you have questions on viewing or  
submitting material to the docket, call  
Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager,  
Docket Operations, telephone (202)  
366-0271.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1504(f).

#### Request For Comments

We encourage you to submit  
comments on this FEIS. If you do so,  
please include your name and address,  
identify this notice (USCG-2002-  
14134), and give the reason for each  
comment. You may submit your  
comments by mail, hand delivery, fax or  
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Management Facility at the address  
given under **ADDRESSES**, but please  
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an unbound format, no larger than 8½  
by 11 inches, suitable for copying and  
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mail, and would like to know if they  
reached the Facility, please enclose a  
stamped, self-addressed postcard or  
envelope. We will consider all  
comments received during the comment  
period.

#### Proposed Action

The application plan calls for  
construction of the Port Pelican  
Deepwater Port and associated  
anchorage in an area situated in the Gulf  
of Mexico approximately 36 miles south  
southwest of Freshwater City,  
Louisiana, in Vermilion Block 140.  
Additional information on the  
application can be found on the Internet  
at <http://dms.dot.gov> under docket

number USCG-2002-14134, or in the  
notice of application published in the  
**Federal Register** at 67 FR 79234 (Dec.  
27, 2002).

The proposed project would deliver  
natural gas to the United States Gulf  
Coast using existing gas supply and  
gathering systems in the Gulf of Mexico  
and southern Louisiana. Gas would then  
be delivered to shippers using the  
national pipeline grid through  
interconnections with major interstate  
and intrastate pipelines.

The project would consist of the Port  
Pelican Terminal (the Terminal), an  
LNG receiving, storage and  
regasification facility and the Pelican  
Interconnector Pipeline (PIPL) to  
transport the gas to the existing offshore  
gas gathering system.

The project would consist of two  
concrete gravity based structure (GBS)  
units fixed to the seabed, which would  
include integral LNG storage tanks,  
support deck mounted LNG receiving  
and vaporization equipment and  
utilities, berthing accommodations for  
LNG carriers, facilities for delivery of  
natural gas to a pipeline transportation  
system, and personnel accommodations.

The Terminal would be able to  
receive the largest LNG carriers in  
service or on order in 2002. LNG carrier  
arrival frequency will be planned to  
match specified terminal gas delivery  
rates. All marine systems,  
communication, navigation aids and  
equipment necessary to conduct safe  
LNG carrier operations and receiving of  
product during specified atmospheric  
and sea states would be provided at the  
port.

The regasification process would  
consist of lifting the LNG from storage  
tanks, pumping the cold liquid to  
pipeline pressure, vaporization across  
heat exchanging equipment and  
delivery through custody transfer  
metering to the gas pipeline network.  
No gas conditioning would be required  
for the Terminal since the incoming  
LNG would be pipeline quality.

A 42-inch diameter offshore PIPL, 37  
nautical miles in length, would be  
constructed as part of the project. The  
PIPL would transport gas from the  
Terminal to a point near the Tiger Shoal  
Platform "A" where it would connect to  
Henry-Floodway Gas Gathering System  
(HFGGS). The HFGGS would deliver the  
gas to the onshore U.S. gas pipeline  
network.

The Terminal would be constructed  
in two phases. Phase I would include  
the installation of two GBS units with  
internal storage tanks and facilities for  
LNG offloading, and vaporization  
capability to deliver a peak 1.0 billion  
standard cubic feet per day (SCFD) of