

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission



Review of LNG Facilities

Public Informational Meeting on LNG Regulatory Processes Calais, Maine October 26, 2005





Who is FERC?



- Independent Regulatory Commission
- Five members

- Appointed by the President
 -Confirmed by the Senate



What does FERC regulate?





- Natural Gas
 - Interstate and import/export facility construction and related environmental matters
 - Interstate transportation rates and services
- Electric Power
 - Interstate transmission rates and services
 - Wholesale energy rates and services
 - Corporate transactions and mergers

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What does FERC regulate?



- Oil Pipeline
 - Interstate transportation rates and services of crude oil and petroleum products
- Hydropower
 - Licensing of nonfederal hydroelectric projects
 - License administration and compliance
 - Inspection, safety, and security at hydropower projects





FERC Helping Markets Work



FERC Organizational Structure



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Gas Program



- Ø Evaluate applications for facilities to import, export transport, store or exchange natural gas
- Ø Authorize the construction and operation of facilities for such services
- Ø Approve abandonment of such facilities
- Ø Conduct environmental reviews of proposals involving construction, modification, or abandonment
- Ø Implement Pre-Filing Process
- Ø Conduct inspections of LNG facilities and pipeline construction



LNG – Two Points



• Natural gas is the economic/environmental fuel of choice.

• 96% of natural gas reserves are outside North America.





How Much Natural Gas Is Out There?





Source: EIA, World Oil

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How Are LNG Terminals Evaluated?



- Public Involvement
- Technical Analysis
- Safety & Environmental Review
- Public Interest Determination



Who Gets Involved?



- Process is INCLUSIVE!!
 - -- Federal, State, Local, Individuals
- Based on Due Process.
- Detailed Review Under NEPA and NGA.
- Mandatory Pre-Filing Process.
- Build Strong Partnerships With All Stakeholders/ Reach Out to Groups.

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LNG Properties and Safety



- LNG is natural gas that in its liquid state at -259° Fahrenheit it is commonly stored and shipped at slightly above atmospheric pressure.
- LNG is odorless, colorless, non-toxic it neither explodes nor burns as a liquid.
- LNG vapors are flammable only in concentrations of 5% to 15% with air and will not explode in an unconfined environment the ignition temperature is more than 500° Fahrenheit higher than gasoline.
- In the past 40 years there have been more than 33,000 LNG ship voyages without a significant accident or cargo spillage.



Safety?- How Important?



- Essential
- Cryogenic Design Review
- Interagency Cooperation
- Compliance
 - Design Standards & Review
- Inspection
- Monitor Operations



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FERC, DOT and the U.S. Coast Guard



- Ø Interagency Agreement on LNG Safety and Security signed 2/04: FERC, DOT, USCG
- Need for guidance recognized as a result of surge in new LNG terminal development
- Ø USCG worked with FERC staff to develop guidance that would meet both agencies' needs-- NVIC issued June 14, 2005
- Ø Needed to address the USCG's NEPA responsibilities



LNG Authorization Process Mandatory Pre-Filing Review







Timeline for LNG Pre-Filing Process





Pre-Filing Process - Increased Public Involvement



- Ø More interactive NEPA/permitting process, no shortcuts
- Ø Earlier, more direct interaction between FERC, other agencies, landowners
- Ø Time savings realized only if we are working together with stakeholders
- Ø FERC/Agency staff are advocates of the Process, not the Project!
- Ø Goal of "no surprises"



Pre-Filing Activities



--Identify affected parties

Landowners

Agencies Others

- --Issue scoping notice
- --Facilitate
 - Issue Identification
 - Study needs
 - Issue resolution

--Examine alternatives --Attend site visits and meetings

--Initiate preparation of NEPA

document

--Review draft application

FERC Post-Filing Opportunities for Public Involvement



The FERC Process:

- Issue Notice of the Application
- Project Sponsor Sends
 Landowner Notification
 Package
- Issue Notice of Intent to Prepare the NEPA Document (i.e., scoping)
- Hold Scoping Meetings

Public Input:

- File an Intervention; register for e-subscription
- Contact the project sponsor w/questions, concerns; contact FERC
- Send letters expressing concerns about environmental impact
- Attend scoping meetings

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Post-Filing Opportunities for Public Involvement



The FERC Process:

- Issue Notice of Availability of the DEIS
- Hold Public Meetings on DEIS
- Issue a Commission Order

Public Input:

- File comments on the adequacy of DEIS
- Attend public meetings to give comments on DEIS
- Interveners can file a request for Rehearing of a Commission Order

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13 Resource Reports



- 1. General Project Description
- 2. Water Use and Quality
- 3. Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation
- 4. Cultural Resources
- 5. Socioeconomics
- 6. Geological Resources
- 7. Soils

1. Land Use, Recreation, and Aesthetics

- 2. Air and Noise Quality
- 3. Alternatives
- 4. Reliability and Safety
- 5. PCB Contamination (for

pipelines)

6. LNG Engineering & Design Details



Purpose of USCG NVIC



- Provide guidance to LNG terminal applicants on information it must provide to the USCG to ensure that full consideration is given to safety and security of the port, the facility, and the vessels transporting the LNG.
- Provides guidance to USCG on fulfilling its commitment to FERC to provide input for EIS

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Staff's Engineering Review



Onshore Facility Review

- Cryogenic design and technical review
- Safety systems detection and control
- Exclusion zone calculations
- Security and emergency plans

Marine Safety Review

- Coordination w/ US Coast Guard
- LNG vessel operations and controls
- Cargo spill hazard analysis

Cryogenic Design Review



Initial preparation of *Cryogenic Design and Inspection Manual*

- Ø Review design of:
 - Marine Facilities
 - Storage Tanks
 - LNG Pumps
 - LNG Vaporizers
 - Compressors & Blowers
 - Process Vessels

- Process Piping Systems
- Instrumentation & Controls
- Instrument Pneumatic System
- Electrical Systems
- Fuel Gas System
- Training, Operation & Emergency Procedures
- Ø Compliance with DOT and NFPA safety requirements.
- Ø Operational reliability.
- Ø Seismic design review.

Exclusion Zone Calculations



- Compliance with 49 CFR Part 193 and NFPA 59A
- Basis for calculating flammable vapor dispersion and thermal radiation distances.
- LNGFIREIII & DEGADIS Models



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- Ø The 1,600 Btu/ft²-hr zone cannot impact outdoor assembly areas occupied by 50 or more people.
- Ø The 3,000 Btu/ft²-hr zone cannot extend to offsite structures used for occupancies or residences.
- Ø The 10,000 Btu/ft²-hr cannot cross a property line that can be built upon.



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Sandia Report – Cargo Tank Breach Analysis

Accidental breach scenario conclusions:

- groundings and low speed collisions no cargo spill
- high speed collisions 0.5 to 1.5 m² cargo tank hole

Intentional breach scenario conclusions:

- cargo tanks holes range from 2 to 12 m²
- nominal tank hole size of $5 7 \text{ m}^2$

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Marine Hazard Calculations



LNG Release and Spread				
Hole Area	0.8 meters ²	5 meters ²	7 meters ²	12 meters ²
Hole Diameter	1.0 meter	2.5 meters	3.0 meters	3.9 meters
Spill Lime	94 minutes	15 minutes	10.6 minutes	6.1 minutes
Pool Fire Calculations				
Maximum Pool Radius	340 teet	817 teet	935 teet	1,103 teet
Fire Duration	94 minutes	15 minutes	10.8 minutes	6.5 minutes
Distance to:				
1,600 B I U/tt2-hr	2,200 teet	4,340 teet	4,810 teet	5,476 teet
3,000 B I U/tt2-hr	1,710 teet	3,330 teet	3,701 teet	4,206 teet
10,000 BTU/ft2-hr	1,040 feet	1,970 feet	2,174 feet	2,459 feet
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Security & Emergency Plans



- Facility security plan
- Facility physical requirements
- Marine security
- Vehicle and personnel access control to/within the facility
- Control of restricted areas

- Monitoring & detection
- Continuity of security
- Inspections and drills
- Liaison with federal and local authorities



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