

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Haemophilus Influenzae Adhesins.

*Date:* March 19, 2004.

*Time:* 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Diane L. Stassi, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3202, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2514, [stassid@csr.nih.gov](mailto:stassid@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Obscurin and Ankyrin in Striated Muscles.

*Date:* March 19, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Rajiv Kumar, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4122, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1212, [kumarra@csr.nih.gov](mailto:kumarra@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Hearing Mechanisms: Human Subjects Studies.

*Date:* March 19, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* John Bishop, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5180, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1250.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Cardiovascular Dynamics.

*Date:* March 19, 2004.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Ai-Ping Zou, PhD, MD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4118, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1777.

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Dated: February 20, 2004.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[USCG-2004-16860]

### Gulf Landing LLC Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application; Correction

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS, Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Application; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On January 22, 2004, the Coast Guard published a notice of application for the Gulf Landing LLC Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port, with request for comments in the **Federal Register**, which inadvertently contained an error in the *Summary of the application* section. This document corrects the error.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Kevin Tone, Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division (G-MSO-2), Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0226.

### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of January 22, 2004, in FR Doc. 04-1276, on page 3166, in the third column, correct the first and second lines to read "West Cameron" instead of "South Cameron."

Dated: February 20, 2004.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection.*

**Raymond R. Barberesi,**

*Director, Office of Ports and Domestic Shipping, U.S. Maritime Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[USCG 2004-16877]

### Cabrillo Port Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application; Environmental Impact

**AGENCY:** United States Coast Guard, DHS; Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; notice of preparation; notice of public meetings; and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) announce their intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR), pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement with the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), in connection with this application for a proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) deepwater port (DWP) that would be located approximately 13.9 miles offshore of Ventura County, California. The joint EIS/EIR will be prepared with the CSLC because the applicant has also filed a CSLC land lease application for subsea pipelines through State waters to deliver natural gas to shore. The joint EIS/EIR will meet the requirements of both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This notice announces public meetings to be held in connection with the joint EIS/EIR, requests public comment on the scope of the joint EIS/EIR, and serves as a notice of preparation (NOP) for the purposes of California law.

**DATES:** Comments or related material must be received by March 31, 2004, at 2 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Meeting dates are March 15, 2004, (Oxnard, California) and March 16, 2004 (Malibu, California).

**ADDRESSES:** The Coast Guard, MARAD, and CSLC will conduct an open house, followed by a public scoping meeting, to receive oral or written testimony at the following times and places: Monday, March 15, 2004, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California 93030, (805) 486-2424.

*Open House:* 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Public Scoping Meetings:* 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 2004, Malibu High School Auditorium, 30215

Morningview Drive, Malibu, California 90265, (310) 457-6801.

*Open House:* 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Public Scoping Meeting:* 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

All public scoping meeting spaces will be wheelchair-accessible. Individuals may request special accommodations for the public scoping meetings, such as real-time translation. Contact Cy Oggins, CSLC, at (916) 574-1884 or [ogginsc@slc.ca.gov](mailto:ogginsc@slc.ca.gov) if special accommodations are required. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting. Include the name and telephone number of the contact person, the timelines for requesting accommodations, and a TDD number that can be used by individuals with hearing impairments.

It is not necessary to present comments at more than one meeting. One need not attend a meeting in order to comment. Comments may also be sent using one of the following methods (identify the subject of the comment by using the docket number, USCG-2004-16877):

(1) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System, at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, 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, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying in Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, D.C., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. This docket may also be found on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(5) In addition, comments may be made by mail or email to Cy Oggins, California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South, Sacramento, California 95825; [ogginsc@slc.ca.gov](mailto:ogginsc@slc.ca.gov) or electronically through the project Web site at <http://www.cabrilloport.ene.com>. Include the docket number, USCG-2004-16877, and State Clearinghouse number. However, if one of these comment submittal

methods is used, the comment will also be entered in the Docket Management Facility docket.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information pertaining to the proposed Cabrillo Port Project is available online at <http://dms.dot.gov>, <http://www.slc.ca.gov>, or <http://www.cabrilloport.ene.com>. Questions regarding the proposed Project, the license application process, or the EIS/EIR process may be directed to Commander Mark Prescott, USCG, (202) 267-0225 ([mprescott@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mprescott@comdt.uscg.mil)), Keith Lesnick, MARAD, 202-366-1624 ([Keith.Lesnick@marad.dot.gov](mailto:Keith.Lesnick@marad.dot.gov)) or Cy Oggins, CSLC, (916) 574-1884 ([ogginsc@slc.ca.gov](mailto:ogginsc@slc.ca.gov)). Questions regarding viewing or submitting materials to the docket may be directed to Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366-0271.

This public notice may be requested in an alternative format, such as Spanish translation, audiotape, large print, or Braille. Contact Cy Oggins, CSLC, (916) 574-1884 ([ogginsc@slc.ca.gov](mailto:ogginsc@slc.ca.gov)), or visit <http://www.cabrilloport.ene.com>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Meetings and Request for Comments

As discussed under **ADDRESSES**, the Coast Guard, MARAD, and CSLC plan to conduct meetings related to preparation of the joint EIS/EIR for the proposed Project. The open houses will be informal opportunities to ask questions and receive information regarding the Project. The public scoping meetings will be structured to provide interested members of the public with an opportunity to present comments regarding the approach and conduct of the environmental analysis. Speakers at the public scoping meetings will be recognized in the following order: elected officials, public agencies, individuals or groups in the sign-up order, and anyone else who wishes to speak. Speakers may be asked to limit their oral comments to three (3) minutes in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. Written comments will also be accepted. Please notify Cy Oggins, CSLC, (916) 574-1884 ([ogginsc@slc.ca.gov](mailto:ogginsc@slc.ca.gov)), as soon as possible, but at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting, if translation of written materials is required.

The Coast Guard, MARAD, and CSLC also encourage submittal of comments and related material regarding this notice using one of the methods described under **ADDRESSES**. The Coast Guard, MARAD, and CSLC are most

interested in receiving comments that identify potentially significant impacts, alternatives, or mitigation measures that should be taken into account in determining the scope of the joint EIS/EIR.

#### Background Information

A notice of application for the proposed Cabrillo Port DWP was published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on January 27, 2004 (69 FR 3934). Consult that notice for additional information regarding the proposed DWP and the moorings that would be installed on the floor of the Pacific Ocean approximately 13.9 miles offshore of Ventura County, California.

Congress first authorized DWPs in 1974. Federal law (33 United States Code [U.S.C.] 1501 *et seq.*) defines a DWP as any fixed or floating manmade structure other than a vessel, or any group of such structures, that is located beyond State seaward boundaries, and that is used or intended for use as a port or terminal for the transportation, storage, or further handling of oil or natural gas for transportation to any state. All DWPs require Federal licenses, which may be granted or denied by the Maritime Administrator based on an application process administered by the Coast Guard and MARAD. Part of that process involves assessment of the proposed DWP's environmental impact, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332), and in consultation with States that are adjacent to the proposed DWP's location. For the purposes of the Cabrillo Port application, California is an adjacent State. The Coast Guard has determined that compliance with the NEPA requires preparation of an EIS. The CSLC has determined that the proposed DWP would need a CSLC land lease for subsea pipelines through State waters to deliver the natural gas to shore, and that compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires preparation of an EIR. Because of the many similarities between an EIS and an EIR, the Coast Guard (in coordination with MARAD) and CSLC have agreed to cooperate in preparing a single document that can satisfy both the NEPA and the CEQA. For the State of California's purposes, this notice serves as an NOP, notice of public scoping meetings, and request for comments.

#### Proposed Action

The Applicant is proposing to construct and operate an offshore floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) that would be moored in Federal

waters approximately 13.9 miles offshore of Ventura County in 2,900 feet of water. As proposed, LNG from the Pacific basin would be delivered by tanker to, and offloaded onto, the FSRU; re-gasified; and delivered onshore via two new 21.1-mile- (33.8-kilometer-) long, 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipelines laid on the ocean floor. These pipelines would come onshore at Ormond Beach near Oxnard, Ventura County. New 14.9-mile- (24-kilometer-) and 7.4-mile- (11.9-kilometer-) long pipeline loops would also be constructed to connect the offshore pipeline with the existing Southern California Gas Company intrastate pipeline system to distribute natural gas throughout the Southern California region. The facilities would be designed to deliver a peak of up to 1.5 billion cubic feet per day (bcf/d), with an anticipated average rate of 0.6 to 0.9 bcf/d.

The DWP's offloading facilities would be designed to accommodate LNG carriers ranging in capacity from 100,000 to 220,000 cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>). The FSRU would be permanently moored, and would use a turret system (a tower-like revolving structure) to allow the FSRU to weathervane (rotate) around a fixed point. The FSRU, which would be designed for loading LNG from a side-by-side, moored LNG tanker, would be shaped like another vessel, double-sided, double-bottomed, and 938 feet (286 meters) long and 213 feet (65 meters) wide, with a displacement of approximately 190,000 deadweight tons.

Ships would be berthed and unloaded on the starboard side of the FSRU. The FSRU would store LNG in three Moss spherical tanks. Each tank would have a 91,000-m<sup>3</sup> LNG storage capacity, and the total FSRU LNG storage capacity would be 273,000 m<sup>3</sup>. Onboard utilities and systems associated with FSRU operations would include electric power generation and distribution, instrumentation and controls, and fire and safety systems. According to the applicant, the DWP would include all marine systems, communications, navigation aids, and equipment necessary to safely conduct LNG carrier operations and receive product. This will be independently analyzed in the EIS/EIR.

A 200-foot- (60.9-meter-) wide right-of-way would be set aside for the construction, with permanent rights-of-way in all offshore areas in which the 24-inch (0.762-meter) pipelines would be laid. The submarine pipelines would be buried from the 13-meter water depth approximately 0.3 mile (0.48 kilometer) offshore to its landfall at Ormond Beach within the city limits of Oxnard, and

would be installed using the horizontal directional drilling technique. The underground pipelines would pass beneath Ormond Beach east of the Reliant Ormond Beach Generating Station in Oxnard. Gas would be metered at a small facility located inland approximately 0.4 mile (0.64 kilometer). The facility would include a metering station, pig launcher/receiver, and odorant station. The onshore pipeline would continue through Ventura County into Los Angeles County. It would be constructed mainly adjacent to existing rights-of-way.

The Coast Guard and CSLC intend to prepare a joint EIS/EIR consistent with the Deepwater Port Act (DWPA) of 1974, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*); the NEPA (Section 102[2][c]), as implemented by Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500 to 1508); DOT Order 5610.1C ("Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts"); Coast Guard policy (Commandant's Instruction M16475.1D); and the CEQA (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*) as implemented by the State CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000 *et seq.*).

The environmental review and analysis will be performed according to the timeline prescribed by the DWPA. These activities must be completed within 356 days. The period to complete all NEPA/CEQA documents is approximately 240 days. This timeline will govern the activities related to the processing of the license application and the completion of all NEPA- and CEQA-related actions needed to support the decision regarding whether to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the proposed license/lease.

#### **Currently Identified Environmental Issues**

The NEPA and CEQA require agencies to consider environmental impacts that may result from a proposed action, to inform the public of potential impacts and alternatives, and to facilitate public involvement in the assessment process. The EIS/EIR for Cabrillo Port will describe in detail the nature and extent of the environmental impacts of the proposed action and each alternative, and will discuss appropriate mitigation measures for any adverse impacts. The EIS/EIR will include, among other matters, discussions of the purpose and need for the proposed action, a description of alternatives, a description of the affected environment, an evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and explanations of proposed

mitigation. The EIS/EIR will assess the impacts of the alternatives on the natural and human environment, including approving or not approving (no-action alternative) the license application to construct and operate the DWP.

The EIS/EIR will consider a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-action/no project alternative, which for this Project would mean that MARAD would not approve the application for the DWP and CSLC would not approve the application for the lease of the subsea pipelines right-of-way.

Environmental issues that will require detailed analysis include, but are not necessarily limited to: Aesthetics

- Alteration of the viewshed by construction and operations.

#### *Air Quality*

- Impacts on regional air quality, including visibility and other resources in sensitive Federal Class I areas (e.g., Channel Islands National Park).

#### *Geological Resources and Soils*

- Impacts on facilities from seismic hazards;
- Impacts on onshore facilities from liquefaction;
- Erosion and dust; and
- Sand migration and scour at Ormond Beach.

#### *Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)*

- Impacts from HAZMAT spills (including petroleum, LNG, hydrocarbons, fuels, lubricant, urea, paints, solvents, and sanitary waste).

#### *Marine Transportation*

- Disruption in marine transportation, adversely affecting existing ship traffic to and from the ports of Port Hueneme and Oxnard;
- Potential navigational hazards to marine traffic; and
- An increase in tanker travel to and from the FSRU, which could disrupt marine traffic to local ports or harbors.

#### *Marine Biology*

- Vessels potentially striking sea turtles and marine mammals;
- Crushing and displacement of benthic communities during construction; and
- Effects of increases in turbidity and changes in water quality, lights, and noise.

#### *Recreation*

- Impacts on boating and commercial and recreational fishing opportunities;
- Recreational areas possibly being impacted by noise and/or dust generated during construction;

- Access to the beach or ocean; and
- Permanent and temporary areas of restricted access around the FSRU.

#### *Hazards and Risk/Safety*

- LNG releases resulting in potential impacts on third parties from fire, radiant energy, or ignitable gas clouds (mainly to passengers of small craft operating near the FSRU);
- Effects of “cold water” resulting from LNG release to marine mammals; and
- Effects of pipeline failures on humans, property, and marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

The EIS/EIR will include an independent, site-specific risk assessment.

#### *Noise*

- Potential increases in noise levels due to project construction and operation; and
- Effects of noise on local residents, recreationists, passengers and crews on marine vessels, and marine mammals.

#### *Terrestrial and Freshwater Biology*

- Impacts from construction or operation on wetlands and other habitats, and sensitive species, within the proposed pipeline landing and corridor areas.

#### *Water Quality*

- Impacts from LNG or HAZMAT spills, increases in turbidity, or unearthing of contaminated sediments; and
- Increases in shoreline erosion during construction and operation.

#### *Environmental Justice*

- Potential disproportionate effects on minority and low-income populations within the Project area.
- The EIS/EIR will identify any relevant populations that might be disproportionately affected by the proposed Project, and ensure that a range of reasonable alternatives is identified.

#### *Agricultural Resources*

- Disruption of existing farmland and prime farmland located in the Ormond Beach area and along the onshore pipeline rights-of-way.

#### *Cultural Resources*

- Potential adverse and cumulative adverse effects on existing and as yet unidentified cultural resources, offshore and onshore.

#### *Energy and Mineral Resources*

- Restriction of future availability of exploitable oil and gas resources (and

associated government royalties) due to infrastructure development and restricted access.

#### *Land Use and Traffic*

- Conflicts with existing land uses, especially in coastal areas designated for recreational purposes (Ormond Beach);
- Impacts on farmland and agricultural areas in Oxnard;
- Impacts on marine resources off the coast of Oxnard, including the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and Channel Islands National Park; and
- Disruptions to traffic use and patterns.

#### *Population and Housing*

- Impacts on the existing community character and development, population, housing, infrastructure and social services, employment, and the regional economic base.

**Cumulative Impacts:** The EIS/EIR will evaluate the cumulative effects of the Project associated with each environmental issue area. These include the incremental effects of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects, including the offshore LNG facility proposed by Crystal Energy and the Sound Energy Solutions LNG project proposed for the Port of Long Beach, along with the cumulative effects of other major projects in the area.

**No-Action/No Project Alternative:** The EIS/EIR will examine the impacts of not approving the DWP license application.

**Alternative Offshore Locations:** The EIS/EIR will consider an alternative location in the vicinity of the proposed Project, and other locations adjacent to the California coast. Local alternatives include sites near the Santa Barbara Channel and Anacapa Island.

**Land-Based Alternatives:** The California Legislature mandated the evaluation of land-based LNG sites. Land-based alternatives previously considered by California agencies will be considered again, including sites at Point Conception and Camp Pendleton.

**Alternative Technologies:** Alternative Project technologies, including open-rack vaporizers and alternative floating facility designs, also will be evaluated.

**Alternative Pipeline Routes:** The EIS/EIR will also evaluate an alternative submarine pipeline route and an alternative onshore pipeline route.

The major Federal and State permit, approval, and consultation requirements for Cabrillo Port include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

#### *Federal*

- DOT/MARAD—DWP license;
- DHS/U.S. Coast Guard—DWP license;

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Title V Federal operating permit and Prevention of Significant Deterioration preconstruction review;
- EPA—Clean Water Act (CWA) stormwater and wastewater discharge permits;
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation—Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA);
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)—Waterways permit under Section 404, CWA;
- USACE—Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act;
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—Section 7, Endangered Species Act (ESA);
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NOAA Fisheries—Section 7, ESA;
- NOAA Fisheries—Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation and Management Act;
- NOAA Fisheries—Marine Mammal Protection Act; and
- Federal Communication Commission—Telecommunications license.

#### *California*

- CSLC—Right-of-way lease;
- California Coastal Commission—Compliance with California Coastal Act and consistency with California Coastal Management Program;
- California Department of Transportation—Encroachment permits;
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)—CWA Section 401 certification;
- Los Angeles RWQCB—Hydrostatic test water discharge permit;
- California Department of Fish and Game—California ESA consultation and stream alteration agreements; and
- State Historic Preservation Officer—Section 106 NHPA consultation.

#### **Availability of EIS/EIR**

A notice of availability (NOA) will be published in the **Federal Register** when the draft EIS/EIR is available, and CSLC will issue notices of availability and completion. The draft EIS/EIR in hard-copy or electronic format will be distributed to agencies and interested parties that have requested copies. Anyone who wishes to comment on the draft report will be provided with an opportunity to review the draft EIS/EIR and to offer comments on the environmental effects of the Project. Comments received during the draft EIS/EIR review period will be available in the public docket and responded to in the final EIS/EIR. An NOA of the final EIS/EIR will also be published in

the **Federal Register**, and CSLC will issue notices of availability and completion.

Dated: February 24, 2004

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard.*

**Raymond R. Barberesi,**

*Director, Office of Ports and Domestic Shipping, U.S. Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[USCG-2004-16860]

#### **Gulf Landing LLC Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application; Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS; and Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; notice of public meeting; and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) announce their intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS), and hold a public meeting/informational open house to discuss issues to be addressed in the EIS, for the project described in the Gulf Landing LLC Deepwater Port License Application. The plan description in the license application calls for construction of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) Deepwater Port known as "Gulf Landing", associated anchorages, and pipeline connections in the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 38 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, located in 55 feet of water in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Block West Cameron 213. The Coast Guard seeks public and agency input on the scope of the EIS. Specifically, the Coast Guard requests input on any environmental concerns that the public may have related to the proposal to construct a new Deepwater Port, sources of relevant data or information, and any suggested analysis methods for inclusion in the EIS.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held March 16, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Lafayette, LA. Comments and related

material must reach the Docket on or before April 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting/open house location is: Marriott Courtyard, 214 East Kaliste Saloon Road, Lafayette, LA 70508, phone number (337) 232-5005.

You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2004-16860 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) Fax: 202-493-2251.

(4) Delivery: Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(5) Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying in Room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. You may also view this docket, including this notice and comments, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, the project, or the meeting, call Lieutenant Derek Dostie at 202-267-0626, or email at [ddostie@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:ddostie@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:**

##### **Submitting Comments**

You may submit comments and related materials on this notice, the public meeting, or concerning the application. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, the docket number (USCG-2004-16860), and the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and materials by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address given under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and materials by only one means. If you choose to submit them by mail or hand

delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, and suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know if they reach the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use their Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT's "Privacy Act" paragraph below.

##### **Viewing Comments and Documents**

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

##### **Privacy Act**

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation's Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

##### **Background Information**

On November 3, 2003, the Coast Guard and MARAD received an application from Gulf Landing LLC ("Gulf Landing"), 1301 McKinney, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77010 for all federal authorizations required for a license to own, construct and operate a deepwater port off the coast of Louisiana. Supplemental information was furnished at our request on December 12, 2003. On January 5, 2004, we determined that the application contained all information required by the Deepwater Port Act and a Notice of Application was published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 14). The application and related documentation supplied by the applicant (except for certain protected information specified in 33 U.S.C. 1513) may be viewed in the public docket (see **ADDRESSES**).