

## NEXT STEPS

We are currently conducting our environmental, engineering, and safety analysis based on information we have received from Annova and on comments received from stakeholders. After Annova filed its application, we issued environmental information requests on October 20, 2016, and February 24 and May 25, 2017, and engineering information requests on October 27 and December 22, 2016, and February 14, 2017 requesting more information from Annova. Our analysis includes review of impacts associated with the SpaceX launch facility located in Boca Chica, Texas. We are also coordinating our evaluation of hazards and safety impacts with the U.S. Department of Transportation. When we have all of the information necessary to complete our analysis and write the draft EIS, we will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review that will identify the date for issuing the final EIS. See the Environmental Review Process Chart for more details on next steps.

## HOW TO STAY INFORMED

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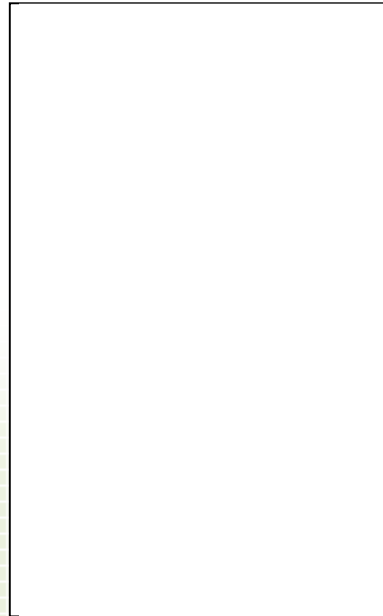
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Annova also maintains a Project web page that can be viewed at: <http://annovalng.com/project>.

While we believe the Internet is the best way to stay informed of the Project, we realize not everyone has Internet access. Therefore, this project update is mailed to our environmental mailing list. You can also file comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP16-480-000) with your comments:

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## PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE ANNOVA LNG BROWNSVILLE PROJECT DOCKET # CP16-480-000

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this mailing is to provide you with an update on the environmental review of the proposed Annova LNG Brownsville Project (Project), explain the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) environmental review process, identify the issues, and give you an idea of what's next in our review process.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Annova LNG Common Infrastructure LLC, Annova LNG Brownsville A LLC, Annova LNG Brownsville B LLC, and Annova LNG Brownsville C, LLC (collectively referred to as Annova) plan to construct, own, and operate the Project on the southern bank of the Brownsville Ship Channel (BSC) at mile marker 8.2, in Cameron County, Texas. The site is owned by the Port of Brownsville (Port) and Annova has entered into a Lease Option Agreement for use of the site. The BSC has direct access to the Gulf of Mexico via the Brazos Santiago Pass.

The Project would include six liquefaction trains with the ability to produce about 6 million tons per year of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The natural gas would be treated, liquefied, and stored on site in two single containment LNG storage tanks, each with a net capacity of approximately 42.3 million gallons.



The Project includes two principal parts: the LNG facilities and the associated marine facilities. The LNG facilities would be designed to receive 0.9 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas via a planned intrastate pipeline; treat the gas to remove constituents that affect the cryogenic process; liquefy the gas; and store the LNG in storage tanks prior to loading for shipment to overseas markets. The marine facilities would include an LNG carrier berth, a tug berth, a dock for support and security vessels, and a material offloading facility.

## WHERE WE ARE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting the Project's environmental review. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the FERC will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Project. We approved Annova's request to use the FERC's pre-filing process on March 27, 2015. The pre-filing process ended on July 13, 2016, when Annova submitted its application to the FERC under Docket No. CP16-480-000.

To date, we have attended one company-sponsored open house meeting in the Project area. We issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS on July 23, 2015, which sought public comments on the Project; and conducted a joint public scoping meeting (along with the Texas LNG and Rio Grande LNG projects) in Port Isabel on August 11, 2015. About 200 individuals provided comments at this meeting. We are considering these in addition to the nearly 6,000 comment letters that have been filed on the Project docket as of June 2017. We are currently conducting our environmental analysis of the proposed Project.

## ISSUES IDENTIFIED

The following environmental concerns have been raised during scoping for the Project:

- The purpose and need for the Project
- Impacts on recreational areas and users
- Impacts on the socioeconomic conditions of the area
- Environmental Justice-related concerns
- Impacts on vessel traffic in the BSC
- Impacts on wildlife, wetlands, and vegetation, including impacts on wildlife movement corridors
- Impacts on federal and state-listed threatened, endangered, and sensitive species
- Impacts on cultural resources including historic sites
- Impacts on sensitive areas such as the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Bahia Grande wetland restoration area, Resaca de la Palma Battlefield National Historic Landmark, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, and the Padre Island Seashore
- Impacts on air and water quality
- Impacts related to noise and light, as well as the visual presence of the facility
- Safety concerns, including potential impacts on, or from, the Brownsville SpaceX facility
- Cumulative impacts

## FERC's Environmental Review Process (dates of completed activities are noted)

Approved Annova's pre-filing request and assigned Pre Filing Docket No. PF15-15-000 (03/27/15)

Participated in Annova's open house to identify stakeholder concerns (04/21/15)

Issued Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and opened the scoping period to seek public comments (07/23/15)

Conducted public scoping meeting. Consulted with interested stakeholders (08/11/2015)

Annova filed its application, assigned Docket No. CP16-480-000 (07/13/16)

Issued Notice of Application (07/27/16)

  
We are here

Analyze data and prepare draft EIS

Issue draft EIS and open public comment period

Hold public comment session in the Project area to gather comments on the draft EIS

Respond to comments, revise draft EIS, issue final EIS

Commission issues Order approving or denying the application

Parties can request rehearing of FERC decision

If approved and once certain conditions are met, FERC issues Notice to Proceed with construction

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