

# Alaska LNG – Dept. of Energy SEIS Update

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# Environmental Impact Statement

- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) was lead agency for development of the Alaska LNG Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- ‘Prefiling’ work started in 2014
- AGDC filed the application with FERC for authorization under the Natural Gas Act in April 2017
  - Over 55,000 pages
- Other federal agencies were ‘cooperating agencies’ – provided expertise and feedback to FERC
  - National Marine Fisheries Service, Bureau of Land Management, Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, US Coast Guard, Department of Energy, etc.
- AGDC responded to approximately 2,000 data requests
- FERC’s process included
  - Publication of a draft EIS, public comments and public hearings
  - Publication of a final EIS (March 2020): 1,500 pages plus 3,500 pages of appendices
- June 2020 - Legal challenge from Sierra Club and CBD
- Process is underway, and FERC is vigorously defending the EIS and resulting Order

# Dept. of Energy (DOE)- Export License

- DOE formally adopted the FERC EIS on March 16, 2020
- Issued license for export to Non-Free Trade Agreement (NFTA) Nations August 20, 2020
- Sierra Club filed Request for Rehearing September 21, 2020
- DOE issued the Rehearing Order April 15, 2021
  - Granted Sierra Club’s Rehearing Request for conducting ‘Alaska environmental study proceeding’
  - Denied Sierra Club’s request to withdraw the Order
  - Acknowledged two recent Executive Orders
    - *E.O. 13990, Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis*
    - *E.O. 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*
- July 2, 2021 - DOE announced intentions to prepare a Supplemental EIS for the Alaska environmental study proceeding, including GHG lifecycle analysis

- Upstream analysis of potential environmental impacts associated with natural gas production on the North Slope
  - Potential upstream impacts associated with incremental natural gas production due to exports
- Lifecycle analysis (LCA) calculating the GHG emissions
  - Taking into account unique issues relating to production, pipeline transportation, and liquefaction in Alaska
- DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is doing the studies
- SEIS schedule:
  - July 1, 2022 – Draft SEIS, Public Hearings, Public Comment Period
  - November 14, 2022 – Final SEIS
  - February 13, 2023 – Final Order and NEPA Record of Decision

**AGDC is planning community and stakeholder outreach during the SEIS comment period, and encourages Alaskans to provide DOE with feedback on the project**

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