Data collection instruments	Estimated number of respondents	Responses per respond- ent	Annual number of responses	Average burden hrs per response*	Total annual burden hrs
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Total	408	14	408	15.13 (910 mins)	514.5

<sup>\*</sup>For ease of understanding, burden hours are also provided in actual minutes.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs required for this collection of information.

Request for Comments: Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function; (b) whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (c) the accuracy of public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information); (d) whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate are logical; (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (f) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Send your written comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, directly to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Allison Eydt, Desk Officer for IHS

Send requests for more information on the proposed collection or to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument(s) and instructions to: Ms. Christina Ingersoll, IHS Reports Clearance Office, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852–1601, call non-toll free (301) 443–5938, send via facsimile to (301) 443–2316, or send your e-mail requests, comments, and return address to: cingerso@hqe.ihs.gov.

For further information directly pertaining to the proposed data collection instruments and/or the process, please contact Karen Boyle, Reyes Building, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852–1627, Telephone (301) 443–4680.

Comment Due Date: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: August 6, 2004.

#### Charles W. Grim,

Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service.

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# DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

## **Coast Guard**

[CGD01-04-115]

Notice, Request for Comments; Letter of Recommendation, Keyspan LNG Facility Providence, RI

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS. **ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements in 33 CFR 127.009, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Providence is preparing a letter of recommendation as to the suitability of the Narragansett Bay waterways for liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine traffic. The letter of recommendation is in response to a Letter of Intent to modify the Keyspan LNG facility Providence, Rhode Island, to accept shipments of LNG by water. The COTP Providence is seeking comments and related material pertaining specifically to the maritime operation and waterways management aspects of the proposed LNG facility modifications. In preparation for issuance of the letter of recommendation, the COTP Providence will consider comments received from the public, as well as information submitted by the owner or operator under the requirements of 33 CFR 127.007. Specific items suitable for comment are listed later in this notice under Background and Purpose.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Providence maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and documents will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may submit comments and related material by:

- 1. Mail or delivery to Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, 20 Risho Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914–1208.
- 2. Fax to (401) 435–2399.
- 3. Electronically via e-mail at *Elambie@msoprov.uscg.mil*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Ms. Erin G. Lambie at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Providence, RI, 401–435–2355. For assistance using the FERC internet Web site we reference, please contact FERC online support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY contact 1–202–502–8659.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# **Request for Comments**

We encourage you to submit comments and related material pertaining specifically to the maritime operation and waterways management aspects of the proposed modification to the existing LNG facility. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (CGD01-04-115), and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means, as described in ADDRESSES, but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, please submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 81/2 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached

<sup>\*\*</sup> Excludes Urban Indian Health projects with no medical component.

U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Providence, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. The recommendation made by this office may be affected by comments received.

# **Public Meeting**

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting solely for the preparation of a Letter of Recommendation, but you may submit a request for one to U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Providence at the address under ADDRESSES explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that a public meeting would aid the recommendation process, we will hold one or more at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register. We will be participating as a cooperating agency in public meetings sponsored by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as outlined in the next paragraph.

The FERC is the lead Federal agency responsible for authorizing the siting and construction of onshore LNG facilities under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717 et seq). FERC also authorizes the construction and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines that may be associated with LNG facilities under section 7 of the NGA. The FERC conducts environmental, safety, and security reviews of LNG plants and related pipeline facilities, and as the lead Federal agency prepared the overall National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation (18 CFR part 380). As required by NEPA, FERC is developing a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Publication of the Keyspan LNG EIS will be announced in the Federal Register. The FERC intends to hold two public meetings the details of which will also be published in the **Federal Register**. In addition to comments received on the draft EIS, comments received at these public meetings, which are related specifically to maritime operation and waterways management issues surrounding the proposed modifications to the existing LNG facility, will be considered by the Coast Guard in the Letter of Recommendation process.

#### **Background and Purpose**

Although FERC is the lead Federal agency for authorizing the siting and construction of onshore LNG facilities, the Coast Guard is responsible for navigation safety issues related to LNG ship deliveries. The FERC authorization process and the Coast Guard Letter of

Recommendation process are two separate and distinct processes, although related in that they both pertain to the Keyspan LNG proposal. In accordance with the requirements of 33 CFR 127.009, the U.S. Coast Guard COTP Providence is preparing a Letter of Recommendation as to the suitability of Narragansett Bay and the Providence River to accommodate LNG marine traffic. The Letter of Recommendation is in response to a Letter of Intent submitted on August 20, 2004, by Keyspan LNG, L.P. (Keyspan LNG), in accordance with 33 CFR 127.007 to modify the operation of the Keyspan LNG facility in Providence, RI to receive shipments of liquefied natural gas via the water.

The modifications to the Keyspan LNG facility would allow for the transportation of up to 800 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd) of imported natural gas to the U.S. market. The proposed LNG terminal would include the construction of a ship unloading facility with a single berth capable of receiving LNG ships with cargo capacities of up to 145,000 cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>) of liquefied natural gas. The Coast Guard COTP Providence's Letter of Recommendation will address the suitability of Narragansett Bay and the Providence River to accommodate LNG vessels with a capacity of up to 145,000 cubic meters. Specifically, the Letter of Recommendation will address the suitability of the waterway for LNG marine traffic based on:

- The physical location of the facility.
- A description of the facility.
- The LNG vessels' characteristics and the frequency of LNG shipments to or from the facility.
- Charts showing waterway channels and identifying commercial, industrial, environmentally sensitive, and residential areas in and adjacent to the waterway used by the LNG vessels en route to the facility, within 25 kilometers of the facility.
- Density and character of marine traffic in the waterway.
- Locks, bridges, or other manmade obstructions in the waterway.
  - Depth of water.
  - Tidal range.
  - Protection from the high seas.
- Natural hazards, including reefs, rocks, and sandbars.
- Underwater pipelines and cables.
- Distance of berthed vessel from the channel, and the width of the channel.

As stated above, the Letter of Recommendation process is independent of and separate from, although related to, the Federal permitting process for which FERC is the lead agency. Any permit that may be issued by FERC will require, as a condition of final approval, that the Keyspan facility obtain a Letter of Recommendation from the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Providence.

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information about the Keyspan LNG project is available from FERC's Office of External Affairs at 1–866–208–FERC or on the FERC internet web site (http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, then click on "General Search" and enter FERC's docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP04–223). For assistance, please contact FERC online support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY contact 1–202–502–8659.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

### M.E. Landry,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Providence.

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# DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

## **Coast Guard**

[CGD01-04-093]

Notice, Request for Comments; Letter of Recommendation, LNG Facility Weavers Cove, Fall River, MA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS. **ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements in 33 CFR 127.009, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Providence is preparing a letter of recommendation as to the suitability of the Narragansett Bay waterways for liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine traffic. The letter of recommendation is in response to a Letter of Intent to operate a LNG facility at Weavers Cove, Fall River, Massachusetts. The COTP Providence is seeking comments and related material pertaining specifically to the maritime operation and waterways management aspects of the proposed LNG facility. In preparation for issuance of the letter of recommendation, the COTP Providence will consider comments received from the public, as well as information submitted by the owner or operator under the requirements of 33 CFR 127.007. Specific items suitable for comment are listed later in this notice under Background and Purpose.