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Corps of Engineers, issues permit for Golden Pass LNG and Pipeline project

The Galveston District, through our permitting authority under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, has finalized its decision and issued a permit on August 17, 2005 to Golden Pass LNG Terminal LP and Golden Pass Pipeline LP for the Golden Pass LNG and Pipeline Project. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the lead Federal agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a cooperating agency developed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate and disclose the impacts of the project and fulfill our requirement to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS process involved coordination with Federal and State resource agencies as well as the public.

The import terminal will be located adjacent to State Highway 87, northwest of the town of Sabine Pass, adjacent to the Port Arthur Canal, Jefferson County, Texas. This facility is designed for the importation, storage, processing, and delivery of foreign-source liquefied natural gas (LNG) to help meet the demand for natural gas in the United States. LNG ships will off-load LNG at a new marine terminal that will have the capability of unloading approximately 200 ships per year. The LNG will be stored onsite in a liquefied state. The LNG will be vaporized and then pressurized to pipeline quality. Natural gas will be sent out of the terminal facilities at a rate of up to 2.0 billion cubic feet per day via a gas sendout pipeline system consisting of 122.4 miles of natural gas pipeline in Jefferson, Orange, and Newton Counties, Texas and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.