
Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

Notice of Withdrawal of Article 15(1) Notification and Termination of Submission

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Submission no.: **SEM-05-002 (Coronado Islands)**

By this notice, the Secretariat withdraws its Notification of 18 January 2007, under Article 15(1) of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), that a factual record is warranted for submission SEM-05-002 (Coronado Islands), and terminates the process for the submission. In the submission, filed on 3 May 2005, the Submitters assert that Mexico is failing to effectively enforce its environmental law by approving in September 2004 the Environmental Impact Statement for a Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) terminal project off the coast of Baja California and adjacent to the Coronado Islands proposed by Chevron Texaco de México, S.A. de C.V. Withdrawal of the Article 15(1) notification and termination of the process for the submission is warranted in view of Mexico's notification to the Secretariat that on 15 February 2007, Chevron Texaco notified Semarnat of its decision not to proceed with the authorization for the LNG terminal project, and that on 16 February 2007, prior to execution of any works or activities for the project, Semarnat accordingly notified Chevron Texaco that it had deemed the authorization as having no effect. Semarnat notified the Secretariat of these circumstances in the attached letter dated 27 February 2007, attaching as well the February 15 letter from Chevron Texaco.

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Because authorization for the LNG terminal project has been rescinded in its entirety, and Semarnat has definitively closed the administrative file for the project, Mexico's decision to approve the environmental impact statement for the project no longer has any legal effect. Given these specific circumstances, the proceedings for submission SEM-05-002 (Coronado Islands) are hereby terminated.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration this 26th day of March 2007.

Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

(original signed)

per: Geoffrey Garver
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