

# Siting and Review Process Offshore LNG Terminals

**Mark Prescott**  
**Chief, Deepwater Ports Standards Division**  
**USCG Headquarters**  
**(202) 372-1440**

**Mark.A.Prescott@uscg.mil**  
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/mso5.htm>



**Homeland  
Security**

DOE LNG Forum  
Houston  
November 29, 2006

# The Deepwater Port Act of 1974

- **Background & Recent Changes to the Deepwater Port Act (DWPA)**
- **Application Process**
- **Key Points about the Application Process**



**Homeland  
Security**

DOE LNG Forum  
U.S. Coast Guard

28 March 2006

2

# Background & Changes to the DWPA

**DWPA signed in 1975, applied only to oil**

- **Regulate Commerce**
- **Promote Transportation Efficiency**
- **Protect the Environment**
- **LOOP in operation since '81 off Louisiana**

**The Deepwater Ports Modernization Act of 1996**

- **Update existing Act, reduce regulatory burden**
- **Recognize effective competition exists**
- **Promote innovation, flexibility, and efficiency**



**Homeland  
Security**

DOE LNG Forum  
U.S. Coast Guard

28 March 2006

3

# Recent Changes to the DWPA

November 25, 2002, President Bush signed the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA), adding natural gas to the DWPA

## How MTSA changed the existing DWPA:

- Defined natural gas and deepwater port
- Removed “managed access” restrictions
- Removed geographic area restrictions (natural gas only)
- Required regulations addressing natural gas



Homeland  
Security

DOE LNG Forum  
U.S. Coast Guard

28 March 2006

4

# Application Process

DWP Application requirements found in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 148

Submitted to USCG with application fee - \$350K

Applicant reimburses US Treasury for costs incurred by Federal government to process application

Docket: <http://dms.dot.gov/>



Homeland  
Security

DOE LNG Forum  
U.S. Coast Guard

28 March 2006

5

# Application Process

## Statutory time limit of 356 days

- 21+5 Review for completeness/publish notice
- 240 Develop EIS/hold final public hearing
- 90 Receive comment/issue ROD

**USCG and MARAD must consult with other Federal Agencies and Adjacent Coastal State**

**Development of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the majority of the pre-Record of Decision efforts**



**Homeland  
Security**

DOE LNG Forum  
U.S. Coast Guard

28 March 2006

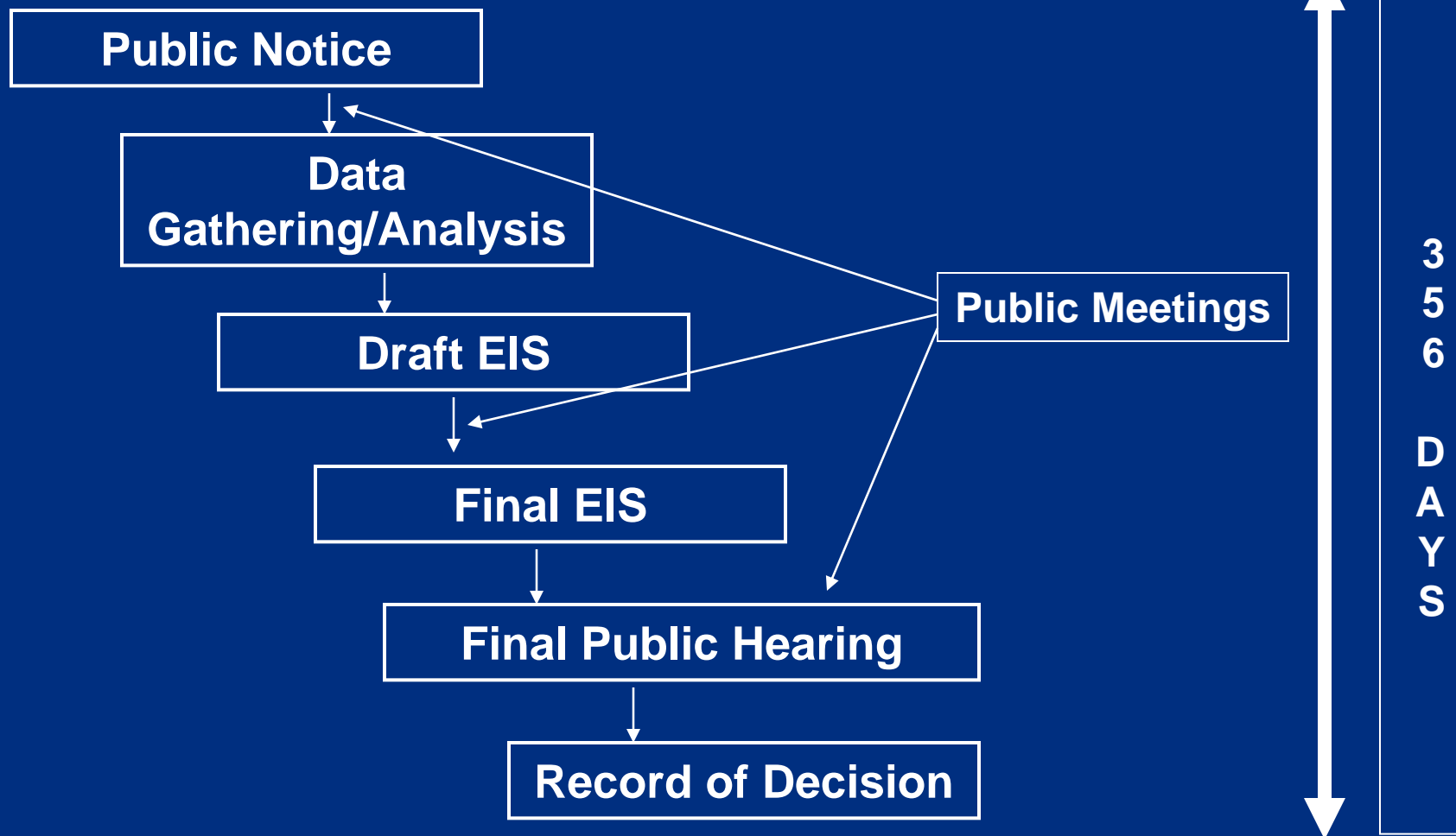
6

# Environmental Impact Statement

- Purpose and need
- Description of alternatives
- Environmental impacts including - geology, soils, sediments, water resources, wetlands, fisheries, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, socioeconomics, transportation, cultural resources, marine biology, noise, recreation and aesthetics, and reliability and safety.



# Review Process and Public Input Opportunities



Homeland  
Security

DOE LNG Forum  
U.S. Coast Guard

28 March 2006

8



# Key Points about the Application Process

**Federal gov't uses an environmental consultant**

**Single EIS used for all Federal agency permitting**

- **Considerable work done with other agencies to facilitate the process and maintain consistency**
- **Produce preliminary, interim and final/public versions of Draft and Final EIS**

**Meetings held in the adjacent coastal state for:  
Scoping, Draft EIS, & Final Public Hearing**



**Homeland  
Security**

DOE LNG Forum  
U.S. Coast Guard

28 March 2006

9