

**Fact Sheet  
Jordan Cove Energy Project  
Oregon Department of State Lands  
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**Update (5-3-17):** Jordan Cove LNG LLC withdrew their removal-fill permit applications for the Jordan Cove Energy Project and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. In a letter dated April 13, 2017, they indicated the company will be resubmitting a new removal-fill permit application in August 2017. If and when the Department of State Lands receives a new application, this will trigger a new timeline, agency review and public comment period.

Jordan Cove LNG LLC information: [www.jordancovelng.com](http://www.jordancovelng.com)

The following information relates to the withdrawn applications:

The Department of State Lands (DSL) is responsible for regulating removal and fill in waters of the state, which are defined as “natural waterways including all tidal and non-tidal bays, intermittent streams, constantly flowing streams, lakes, wetlands and other bodies of water” in Oregon. State law (ORS 196.800-990) governs the removal-fill regulatory program.

DSL also has jurisdiction over submerged and submersible land – the “beds and banks” – of tidally influenced and navigable waterways. Structures and facilities on these state-owned lands require an authorization from DSL. ORS Chapter 274 governs submerged and submersible lands.

#### **THE PROJECT**

Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P. (JCEP) proposes to construct a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility near North Bend, Oregon. The project includes a 500-acre facility on the North Spit of the Coos Bay, with the capacity to export up to six million metric tons of LNG per year.

Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, L.P. (PCGP) proposes to construct a pipeline between the Jordan Cove facility in Coos County and Malin in Klamath County, Oregon. The project is a 232-mile, 36-inch diameter pipeline with a capacity of up to one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day.

A third component is the South Dunes Power Plant which would provide power to the LNG facility. The power plant is proposed for construction on the former Weyerhaeuser paper mill site located on the North Spit near the LNG facility. The plant’s base load capacity would be 420 megawatts.

#### **FEDERAL APPROVAL**

The approval process for the LNG export facility and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline is administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which must issue a license for these two components of the project.

#### **STATE APPROVAL**

The South Dunes Power Plant must get approval for the power plant from the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) under the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). DSL has provided input to ODOE so that requirements of the removal-fill law are addressed through the [EFSC siting process](#). If and when the site certificate is issued, EFSC will instruct DSL to issue a removal-fill permit with the exact conditions that are specified in the EFSC order. The order also will specify a deadline for DSL to issue the permit, which will result in a different timeline for the power plant permit and the terminal and pipeline permits.

## **REMOVAL-FILL PERMIT APPLICATIONS; CURRENT STATUS AND HISTORY**

DSL is conducting the public and technical review process of the JCEP and the PCGP permit applications concurrently.

On Dec. 2, 2013, DSL deemed the PCGP removal-fill permit application (54484-RF) complete, and asked the applicant to address technical issues before the permit application was sent out for public review.

On April 18, 2014, DSL deemed the JCEP removal-fill permit application (54908-RF) complete. A final revision was received on Oct. 14, 2014. Application materials were updated to reflect consistency with the EFSC review process.

The two removal-fill permit applications are available at the following web link: [Applications](#).

On Nov. 10, 2015, removal-fill permit applications for the JCEP and the PCGP were made available for public review. The public comment period was 30 days, ending Dec. 9, 2015.

DSL provided a second 30-day public comment period for the JCEP and PCGP in response to multiple requests from individuals and organizations to allow the public more time to review and comment on the large volume of application materials. The second public comment period started December 10, 2015, and ended Jan. 8, 2016, with a permit decision deadline of Feb. 8, 2016.

The agency provided two opportunities for the public to comment in person:

- Jan. 6, 2016 – Medford
- Jan. 7, 2016 – Coos Bay/North Bend

On Feb. 4, 2016, the Department of State Lands, Jordan Cove LNG, LLC, and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline LP agreed to a 90-day extension of the removal-fill permit decisions for the JCEP and the PCGP. The new decision deadline was May 9, 2016.

The reason for the extension is additional time needed for the applicants to respond to information provided during the second public comment period (ending Jan. 8, 2016), and for the Department to review and process the additional information. During this 90-day timeframe, there will be no additional opportunities for public comment.

On May 6, 2016, the Department of State Lands, Jordan Cove LNG, LLC, and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline LP agreed to an extension of the removal-fill permit decisions for the JCEP and the PCGP. The new decision deadline is June 10, 2016.

On June 10, 2016, the Department of State Lands, Jordan Cove LNG, LLC, and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline LP agreed to an extension of the removal-fill permit decisions for the JCEP and the PCGP. The new decision deadline is November 10, 2016.

On November 2, 2016, the Department of State Lands, Jordan Cove LNG, LLC, and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline LP agreed to an extension of the removal-fill permit decisions for the JCEP and the PCGP. The new decision deadline is August 7, 2017.

## **ADDITIONAL REGULATORY INFORMATION**

[Oregon Department of Energy/EFSC Siting](#) (includes links to the FERC)  
[Oregon Department of Environmental Quality](#)  
[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#)  
[Federal Energy Regulatory Commission](#)

## **PROPRIETARY AUTHORIZATIONS**

In June 2015, DSL put seven easement applications out for public review related to the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. The applications were for waterway crossings on state-owned submerged and submersible land in Coos County. The public comment periods are completed.

On Nov. 4, 2015, two easement applications were sent out for public review in Coos County for the PCGP. One easement is for the crossing of Haynes Slough/Coos Bay, and one is for a temporary work area in the same location. The public comment period ends Dec. 3, 2015.

On Nov. 16, 2015, three easement applications related to the PCGP in Jackson County were sent out for public review. One easement is for the PCGP on Common School Fund (CSF) land; another is for a temporary work area on CSF land; and the third is for the Rogue River crossing. The public comment period for each application ended Dec. 16, 2015.

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