

The State of Oregon and the Proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project

Project Overview

The Jordan Cove Energy Project consists of a proposed liquefied natural gas export facility in Coos Bay and an approximately 230-mile pipeline connecting Coos Bay and Malin. The federal government – specifically, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – sites LNG terminals in the United States, and the agency is the lead for the Jordan Cove project. Proposed LNG facilities, however, require approvals from authorities at the federal, state, county, and local levels.

The State of Oregon's Role

The state of Oregon plays a critical role in the review and siting of LNG facilities. Our work is done across multiple agencies and involves numerous responsibilities, including specific regulatory roles. In addition to ensuring we are following all state laws and regulations to the letter when considering any proposed project, state agencies also work hard to ensure Oregonians are aware of and have opportunities to offer public input.

Oregonians will have opportunities to participate in and offer comments on various state agency reviews.

The state will also promote opportunities to weigh in on steps of the federal process.

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- State agencies will review and comment on the project overall, offering input on draft resource reports, which are already being submitted by the developer, and the final Environmental Impact Statement, which will be released by FERC later in the project. Each agency brings unique subject matter expertise.
- The **Oregon Department of Energy** coordinates agency comments and serves in a lead role for state participation. The agency is also responsible for overseeing public health and safety planning in the event of an LNG emergency at the proposed terminal or along a transit route. This work entails reviewing and issuing a decision on the proposed facility's emergency response plans and overseeing safety and security activities throughout the life of any approved LNG project.
- The **Oregon Department of Environmental Quality** is responsible for implementing authorities related to the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act that have been delegated to the state by the federal government. DEQ will be responsible for drafting, issuing, and ensuring compliance with environmental permits.
- The **Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development** also has federally delegated authorities and is responsible for reviewing proposed plans to determine whether the project is consistent with Oregon's Coastal Zone Management Act.
- **Oregon Department of State Lands** is responsible for regulating permits related to the removal and fill of materials in waters of the state. The agency will administer a process for a removal-fill permit that the developer must secure before FERC issues a certificate of need.
- Other state agencies playing pivotal roles in the process include the **Water Resources Department, the Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Department of Aviation, and the Department of Forestry.**

