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**Galveston District**

Permit Application No: \_\_\_\_\_

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SWG-2004-02118  
GPLNG Blanket Permit

8 July 2025

**22 July 2025**

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the following request associated with Golden Pass Liquefied Natural Gas (GPLNG) facility and pipeline has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In Executive Order (EO) 14156 the President declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621) based upon the finding that the United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Galveston District has found that this permit request meets the terms of EO 14156 and is therefore subject to special emergency permitting procedures to address an energy supply situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures. The Galveston District will implement the special processing procedures approved by the Southwestern Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4).

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** To inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to identify any extenuating circumstances affecting the public interest. The Corps is not the entity proposing or performing the proposed work, nor has the Corps taken a position, in favor or against the proposed work.

**AUTHORITY:** This application will be reviewed pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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**LOCATION:** The Terminal project site is located at and adjacent to the existing GPLNG Liquefaction facility and marine berth, adjacent to the Sabine Neches Waterway (SNWW), and in the SNWW, at 3752 South Gulfway Drive, in Sabine Pass, Jefferson County, Texas.

**Terminal Site LATITUDE & LONGITUDE (NAD 83):**

Latitude: 29.76299 North; Longitude: -93.92467 West

The Mile Post (MP) 33 Compression Station Site is located approximately 21 miles northwest of the Terminal Site.

**MP 33 Compressor Station LATITUDE & LONGITUDE (NAD 83):**

Latitude: 30.041540 North; Longitude: -93.982911 West

KMZ files for both sites are included for reference.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to conduct work activities within a specified limit of disturbance (LOD) area to complete construction of their Liquefaction Terminal, Pipeline, and associated facilities. A detailed listing of activities is included in Table A of the project plan set. A summary of activities proposed to be conducted within the LOD is listed here:

- New or modified pipeline interconnect(s)
- New pipeline compression construction/operation
- Permanent sediment/erosion control installations or modifications
- Modification or maintenance of outfall structures
- Modification or maintenance of drainage structures
- Dock repair or replacement
- Installation/modification/repair/replacement of utility structures (overhead or buried)
- Access road installation/modification/repair/replacement
- Building construction/maintenance/replacement (including foundations)
- Construction or maintenance of ancillary support facilities (i.e., parking lots, laydown areas, work spaces, storage areas, etc.)
- Conversion of workspace status from temporary to permanent or permanent to temporary
- Fill placement, either temporary or permanent
- Shoreline stabilization work and maintenance
- Dredging and related work or maintenance
- Berm installation or modifications
- Fence installation or modification

Wetlands or waters of the US (WOTUS), outside the boundary of areas previously approved under prior permit authorizations, are noted in Table 1 below. The applicant proposes to keep detailed records of each activity as it is conducted within the modified LOD to account for additional impacts to WOTUS beyond those already authorized, and to coordinate such work and impacts with the Corps to determine appropriate compensatory mitigation. The footprint of these activities will be used to determine all instances of permanent fill in wetlands and/or WOTUS to be mitigated in accordance with the Mitigation Statement below.

Table 1 Wetland and Waterbody Acreage within the Requested LOD Expansion			
Classification	Habitat Description	Acres <sup>a</sup>	
		GPLNG Terminal <sup>b</sup>	MP 33 Compressor Station Site <sup>c</sup>
<i>Wetlands</i>			
PEM	Palustrine Emergent	190.19	3.57 <sup>f</sup>
PSS	Palustrine Scrub Shrub	0.00	0.25
PFO	Palustrine Forested	<0.001	12.64
E2EM	Emergent, Intertidal, Estuarine	1.17	0.00
E2EM1P	Estuarine, Intertidal, Persistent Emergent Wetland, Irregularly Flooded	19.63 <sup>d</sup>	0.00
Total		210.99	16.46
<i>Waterbodies</i>			
PUB	Palustrine Unconsolidated Bottom	0.75	0.24
E1UB	Unconsolidated Bottom, Subtidal, Estuarine	4.44	0.00
E1UBL	Estuarine, Subtidal Unconsolidated Bottom, Subtidal	20.04 <sup>e</sup>	0.00
E1UBLx	Estuarine, Subtidal Unconsolidated Bottom, Subtidal, Excavated	76.41 <sup>d</sup>	0.00
R1UB	Riverine, Tidal, Unconsolidated Bottom	0.00	0.75 <sup>g</sup>
Total		101.64	0.99
<i>Mudflats</i>			
E2USM	Estuarine, Intertidal, Unconsolidated Shore, Regularly Flooded	5.10 <sup>d</sup>	0.00
Notes:			
<sup>a</sup> Acreage within the area of LOD expansion, previously authorized LOD areas are not included.			
<sup>b</sup> Source: Golden Pass LNG Export Terminal – GPX Project Wetland Determination Report Jefferson County, Texas (August 15, 2013).			
<sup>c</sup> Source: MP 33 Compressor Station and Texoma Interconnect – GPX Project Wetland Delineation Report Orange County, Texas (August 15, 2013).			
<sup>d</sup> USFWS NWI data.			
<sup>e</sup> 19.99 acres of the total is based on USFWS NWI data.			
<sup>f</sup> 0.1-acre of the total is based on desktop survey data.			
<sup>g</sup> 0.39-acre of the total is based on desktop survey data.			

Included in the proposed activities, will be maintenance dredging of the permitted Marine Berth, Marine Offloading Facility (MOF), and Float Channels. The maximum dredge depths at each site are noted in Table B of the project plan set. All work in the SNWW will occur a minimum of 100 feet from the top cut of the SNWW federal channel.

The applicant proposes to place dredged material into Dredged Material Placement Areas (DMPAs) 8, 9a, 9b, or 11. The applicant's current maintenance dredging permit for the marine berth, MOF, and float channels authorizes placement of dredged material into DMPAs 8, 9a, or 9b. The applicant was authorized to place dredged material into DMPA 11 under their original Marine Berth dredge maintenance permit which expired in 2019. They are requesting permission to add DMPA 11 to this authorization.

**AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION:** The applicant has stated that while planning activities listed, wetlands and WOTUS will be avoided where feasible. If avoidance is not feasible, the applicant will limit and minimize work, including permanent fill, within WOTUS to the maximum extent practicable.

**MITIGATION:** Construction work areas which are not permanently filled will be returned to preconstruction contours in accordance with the the applicant's Wetland Restoration Plan for Temporarily Disturbed Areas. Restoration to pre-construction contours will be performed within 90 days of the completion of active construction and temporary erosion control devices will be maintained until soil stabilization has occurred.

Permanent fill in wetlands or WOTUS related to the GPLNG Terminal expansion was previously mitigated for at a ratio of 1:1.88 in accordance with the July 2016 Compensatory Mitigation Plan ("CMP") for the Golden Pass Products LNG Liquefaction Project. Subsequent to issuance of the Liquefaction permit, modifications were made to the terminal facility reducing the project footprint. The applicant constructed the CMP based on the original acreage requirement. As such, a mitigation surplus exists, when comparing the updated project impacts to the approved CMP. The applicant proposes to mitigate for permanent impacts to wetlands and WOTUS, associated with this blanket permit, by using the surplus of CMP credits, at a ratio of 1:1

If surplus credits are fully expended, the applicant proposes to mitigate for permanent impacts to wetlands and WOTUS, by purchasing credits from the Sea Breeze Mitigation Bank (SBMB) at a ratio of 1:1.88, following completion of construction. The GPLNG Terminal is located in the secondary service area for the SBMB.

Wetland or WOTUS impacts related to the MP 33 Compressor Station site were previously mitigated for at a ratio of 1:1.5, in accordance with the July 2016 CMP. The applicant proposes to mitigate for any permanent impacts to wetlands and WOTUS associated with the MP 33 Compressor Station with purchase of credits from the Pineywoods Mitigation Bank (PMB) at a ratio of 1:1.5.

**CURRENT SITE CONDITIONS:** The project site is located on a tract of land developed for industrial use, adjacent to other industrial facilities, the SNWW and the JD Murphree Wildlife Management Area.

**BACKGROUND:** Construction of large facilities such as the GPLNG Terminal and pipeline require many adjustments due to construction practices, safety, industry standards, and market changes. It has been the Corps experience that this leads to numerous permit modification requests that change the LOD for the facility and

associated structures. In the interest of assessing the complete impacts associated with construction and maintenance of the facility, and addressing the mandate for expedited review of energy projects under EO 14156, the Corps has determined it is appropriate to evaluate proposed modifications as a complete action, or “Blanket” to address impacts as a whole. The applicant would be required to track and submit documentation identifying specific impacts associated with project modifications, and to provide compensatory mitigation, per the Compensatory Mitigation Plan (CMP) detailed below, to offset any unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and WOTUS.Management Area.

The original permit to construct the GPLNG facility was issued on 17 August 2005 and assigned file number SWG-2004-02118 (formerly 23620). It authorized construction of a storage tank facility, ship slip, and pipeline. An extension of time to complete the authorized work was issued on 31 August 2010. This permit expired on 31 December 2015. Authorization to conduct maintenance dredging of the existing ship slip, was issued on 29 October 2009, under permit SWG-2004-02118, and expired on 31 December 2019.

The permit to construct the Liquefaction facility was issued on November 16, 2016, and expired on 31 December 2021. An extension of time for construction of the Liquefaction facility was issued on 1 November 2022 and expires on 31 December 2027.

Modifications to the original permit were all assigned file number SWG-2004-02118, and included amendments to the original compensatory mitigation plan, the pipeline route, the limits of disturbance at the terminal site, the terminal dredge depth, addition of DMPAs and BU sites, and other smaller construction or fill projects. All issued permit amendments have expired, with the exception of the Liquefaction facility permit, authorization to construct a firewater intake structure, and authorization to construct additional shoreline stabilization on the project site.

**NOTES:** This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This project information has not been verified by the Corps. The applicant’s plans are enclosed in 9 sheets.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. Since permit assessment is a continuing process, this preliminary determination of EIS requirement will be changed if data or information brought forth in the coordination process is of a significant nature.

Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

**OTHER AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS:** The proposed project will trigger review under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Texas Railroad Commission (TXRRC) will review this application under Section 401 of the CWA and in accordance with Title 30, Texas Administrative Code Section 279.1-13 to determine if the work would comply with State water quality standards. The applicant contacted TXRRC and initiated the Section 401 CWA process, on 25 June 2025. If you have comments or questions on this proposed

project's State water quality certification, please contact [leslie.savage@rrc.state.tx.us](mailto:leslie.savage@rrc.state.tx.us). You may also find information on the Section 401 process here: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401/basic-information-cwa-section-401-certification>.

The applicant has stated that the project is consistent with the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) goals and policies and will be conducted in a manner consistent with said Program. The will determine if the project is consistent with the goals and policies of the CMP and will review this application under Section 401 of the CWA to determine if the work would comply with State water quality standards.

Pursuant to 33 USC 408, the proposed project may require Section 408 coordination and review. This is a requirement for activities that seek permission, to temporarily or permanently, alter, occupy, or use a federally authorized United States Army Corps of Engineers civil works project. Coordination with Corps business lines regarding the requirement for Section 408 Certification is ongoing.

**LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY:** The Corps has been identified as the lead federal agency for complying with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. As such, please direct all comments, questions, or concerns regarding these Acts to the the Corps, using the contact information noted at the end of this notice.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES:** The staff archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the undertaking upon these properties:

The permit area for the compressor station was previously investigated for historic properties and none were identified as documented in the report titled "Intensive Pedestrian Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed HPL Texoma Compressor Station for the Golden Pass GPX Project in Orange County, Texas" prepared by HRA Gray & Pape and dated December 2013. The Texas State Historic Preservation Officer previously concurred that no archeological investigations were warranted at the location of the terminal or for the areas proposed for dredging (August 2013). Accordingly and for the same reasons, no archeological investigations are warranted for the expansion of the facility footprint or the current dredging footprint.

The LNG terminal and compressor station were previously coordinated with the Native American Tribes who have an interest in the permit area to see if any of the Tribes would like to engage in consultation or provide comments on the project. None of the Native American Tribes expressed in interest. The proposed project modifications are so minimal that no additional coordination or consultation efforts are warranted.

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:** Preliminary indications are that threatened and/or endangered species or their critical habitat will be affected by the proposed work. Tables 2 and 3 provide effects calls for each species at the Terminal site

and MP 33 Compressor Station. The project areas are not located in the Critical Habitat of any listed species. Tables 2 and 3 list the Effects Determinations for Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Species at each respective site.

**Table 2: Terminal Site**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Effect <sup>1</sup>	
		USFWS	NMFS
MAMMALS			
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	x	NLAA
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	x	NLAA
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	x	NLAA
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	x	NLAA
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	x	NLAA
Tri-Color Bat <sup>2</sup>	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	WNJ	x
West Indian Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	NLAA	x
FISH			
Giant Manta Ray	<i>Manta birostris</i>	x	NLAA
BIRDS			
Eastern Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis</i>	NLAA	x
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	EIS - NLAA	x
Red Knot (Rufa)	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	NLAA	x
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	NLAA	x
REPTILES			
Green Sea Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	EIS - NLAA	EIS - NLAA
Hawksbill Sea Turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	EIS - NLAA	EIS - NLAA
Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	EIS - NLAA	EIS - NLAA
Leatherback Sea Turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	EIS - NLAA	EIS - NLAA
Loggerhead Sea Turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	EIS - NLAA	EIS - NLAA
INSECT			
Monarch Butterfly <sup>2</sup>	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	WNJ	x

<sup>1</sup> NE = no effect; LAA = may affect, likely to adversely affect; NLAA = may affect, not likely to adversely affect; EIS - NLAA = in July 2016 FERC EIS for Liquefaction Facility; WNJ = will not jeopardize continued existance; WJ = will jeopardize continued existance; X = Agency not responsible for review,

<sup>2</sup> Species is Proposed Endangered

<sup>3</sup> Species is Proposed Threatened

**Table 3: MP 33 Compressor Station**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Effect <sup>1</sup>	
		USFWS	NMFS
MAMMALS			
Tri-Color Bat <sup>2</sup>	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	WNJ	X
BIRDS			
Eastern Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis</i>	NLAA	X
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	EIS - NLAA	X
Red Knot (Rufa)	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	NLAA	X
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	NLAA	X
REPTILES			
Alligator Snapping Turtle <sup>3</sup>	<i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>	NLAA	X
CLAMS			
Louisiana Pigtoe <sup>3</sup>	<i>Pleurobenma riddellii</i>	WNJ	X
Texas Heelsplitter <sup>3</sup>	<i>Potamilus amphichaenus</i>	WNJ	X
INSECT			
Monarch Butterfly <sup>3</sup>	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	WNJ	X
<sup>1</sup> NE = no effect; LAA = may affect, likely to adversely affect; NLAA = may affect, not likely to adversely affect; EIS - NLAA = in July 2016 FERC EIS for Liquefaction Facility; WNJ = will not jeopardize continued existence; WJ = will jeopardize continued existence; X = Agency not responsible for review, <sup>2</sup> Species is Proposed Endangered <sup>3</sup> Species is Proposed Threatened			

The Corps has determined that the proposed action is subject to Executive Order 14156, “Declaring a National Energy Emergency” issued 20 January 2025. As such, the permit application is being expedited using emergency regulations. The Corps is requesting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service consult in an expedited manner described in 50 CFR 402.05 Emergencies. Pursuant to 50 CFR 402.06, the Corps is requesting consultation be consolidated with the public notice. To assure emergency consultation is completed in an expedited manner, the Corps is requesting the agency’s recommendations to minimize the effects of the emergency response action on listed species and critical habitat be provided no later than **20 days** from the issuance of the public notice.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Corps has determined that the proposed action is subject to Executive Order 14156, “Declaring a National Energy Emergency” issued 20 January 2025. As such, the permit



application is being expedited using emergency regulations. Pursuant to 50 CFR 600.920(h), the Corps is requesting abbreviated consultation be completed no later than **20 days** from the issuance of the public notice.

Description of Proposed Action: Actions that have potential to impact EFH are limited to dredging, and shoreline construction or maintenance activities. Habitats along the shoreline include various estuarine marsh wetlands, and open water. The placement of fill material to construct the facility will permanently displace benthic and pelagic species at the subject site. Dredging activities would temporarily displace benthic and pelagic species at the subject site, but organisms are expected to reestablish quickly once dredging activities are completed.

Based on the description of the proposed action, our initial determination is that the proposed action's adverse effect on the following species is not substantial: red drum, triggerfishes (Balistidae), jacks (Carangidae), wrasses (Labridae), snappers (Lutjanidae), tilefishes (Malacanthidae), groupers (Serranidae), and coastal migratory pelagic species, shrimps, stone crabs, and spiny lobsters.

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FACTORS:** This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320-332, the Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers, and other pertinent laws, regulations and executive orders. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, will be considered: among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:** The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts upon which a decision by the Corps of Engineers may be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:** All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before **22 July 2025**. Extensions of the comment period for emergency permits will not be granted. **If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections.** Comments should reference our file number: **SWG-2004-02114 GPLNG Blanket Permit**, and should be submitted through

the RRS system at: <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs/public-notices>. Please be careful to enter the file number correctly so the comments are associated with the correct permit application. Comments may also be submitted by mail or email to:

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