

Washington, DC 20585

Ms. Julie Roemele Office of Federal Activities U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

VIA EMAIL

February 13, 2020

Dear Ms. Roemele:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy is considering an amendment to an application to export liquefied natural gas (LNG), filed by Magnolia LNG, LLC, in connection with the Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Production Capacity Amendment. A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FERC/FEIS-0298F) (Final SEIS) was prepared by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC; lead agency) for the Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Production Capacity Amendment. DOE was a cooperating agency in the preparation of this Final SEIS.

DOE is notifying you that it has adopted the Final SEIS as DOE/EIS-0498-S1. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.3(c), DOE is not recirculating the document for comment. DOE conducted an independent review of the Final SEIS and has determined that the Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Production Capacity Amendment analyzed in the Final SEIS is the same action for which DOE is considering authorizing LNG exports. Environmental impacts of DOE's proposed action are analyzed in the Final SEIS, and DOE's adoption is in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.3).

The availability of the Final SEIS was published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2020, and is entered in EPA's database as EIS No. 20200018. Please list this *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Production Capacity Amendment* (FERC/FEIS-0298F, adopted as DOE/EIS-0498-S1) in the *Federal Register* and identify the following contact person: Brian Lavoie at 202-586-2459. The Final SEIS is available on the DOE NEPA website at <u>https://www.energy.gov/nepa/doeeis-0498-s1-magnolia-lng-production-capacity-amendment</u>, which may be cited in the *Federal Register* notice.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Amy R. Sweeney Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement Office of Fossil Energy