

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

ALASKA LNG PROJECT LLC

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DOCKET NO. 14-96-LNG

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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On June 28, 2021, the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy (now the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management¹) issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska LNG Project (NOI).² DOE published the NOI in the *Federal Register* on July 2, 2021.³ As set forth in the NOI, DOE is preparing a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the Alaska environmental study proceeding (DOE/EIS-0512-S1), consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).⁴ The NOI describes two Alaska-specific studies that together comprise the SEIS: (i) an upstream analysis of potential environmental impacts associated with natural gas production on the North Slope of Alaska, and (ii) a life cycle analysis (LCA) that will calculate the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for liquefied natural gas (LNG) exported from the proposed Alaska LNG Project, taking into account unique issues relating to production, pipeline transportation, and liquefaction in Alaska, among other considerations.⁵ DOE’s National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is conducting both studies.

DOE has explained that, based on the findings from the SEIS—including the associated public process—DOE intends to issue an order under section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act

¹ On July 4, 2021, DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy (FE) became the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM).

² U.S. Dep’t of Energy, Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska LNG Project, Docket No. 14-96-LNG (June 28, 2021) (pre-publication version).

³ U.S. Dep’t of Energy, Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska LNG Project, 86 Fed. Reg. 35,280 (July 2, 2021), *available at*: https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-07/2021-14188_FE_NOI%20Alaska%20LNG.pdf [hereinafter NOI].

⁴ *See id.* For more information about this proceeding and DOE’s rationale for conducting the SEIS, see *Alaska LNG Project LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3643-B, Docket 14-96-LNG, Order on Rehearing (Apr. 15, 2021), *available at*: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/ord3643b.pdf> [hereinafter Order on Rehearing].

⁵ *See* NOI, 86 Fed. Reg. at 35,281 (describing studies).

(NGA)⁶ in which DOE presents its findings and conclusions.⁷ DOE may decide to modify, set aside, or affirm the Alaska LNG Order (Order No. 3643-A),⁸ in whole or in part.⁹

DOE's projected schedule for key milestones in this process are as follows:

Notice of Availability of Draft SEIS	May 2, 2022
Notice of Availability of Final SEIS	September 15, 2022
Final Order and NEPA Record of Decision	December 14, 2022

If any changes to these dates become necessary, DOE will provide additional notice.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 24, 2021.

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a).

⁷ See Order on Rehearing at 15.

⁸ *Alaska LNG Project LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3643-A, Docket 14-96-LNG, Final Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (Aug. 20, 2020), available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2020/08/f77/ord3643a.pdf>.

⁹ See Order on Rehearing at 15 (citing 15 U.S.C. § 717r(a)); see also *id.* at 18. DOE notes that Sierra Club's legal challenge to the Alaska LNG Order in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is currently being held in abeyance. See *Sierra Club v. U.S. Dep't of Energy*, No. 20-1503, Order (D.C. Cir. June 30, 2021).