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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Notice of Environmental Assessment to Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California: Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capital Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation, California
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The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians ("Viejas") has reviewed the proposed project and at this time we have determined that the project site has cultural significance or ties to Viejas. Cultural resources have been located within or adjacent to the APE-DE of the proposed project.

Viejas Band request that a Kumeyaay Cultural Monitor be on site for ground disturbing activities and to inform us of any new developments such as inadvertent discovery of cultural artifacts, cremation sites, or human remains.

If you wish to utilize Viejas cultural monitors (Viejas rate is \$54.15/hr. plus GSA mileage), please call Ernest Pingleton at 619-655-0410 or email, epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov, for contracting and scheduling. Thank you.

If a Tribe, having a closer proximity to the Project, requests to perform cultural monitoring, Viejas will differ to them.

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Greetings,

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the export of U.S. natural gas from a planned natural gas liquefaction project in Mexico. The application includes transfer by pipeline of natural gas from the U.S. to Mexico.

The EA is related to the LNG export proceeding below:

Applicant	DOE Docket	Notice of Environmental Assessment
Mexico Pacific Limited LLC (MPL)	22-167-LNG	Notice of EA MPL - GC-FECM 10-23-23 FINAL_new_signed.pdf (energy.gov)

You were contacted as a State or Tribe located near where the cross-border natural gas pipeline(s) that may service the planned liquefaction project are located.

Attached is the draft EA for your review. DOE invites comment from your State or Tribe during the 30-day public comment period, which begins on November 27, 2023, and ends on December 27, 2023.

Please submit comments by email to fergas@hq.doe.gov or by replying to this email **on or before 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, December 27, 2023.**

If you have any questions on the Draft EA or this notice, please reply to this email.

Thank you,

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To Whom it May Concern:

The U.S. Department of Energy recently announced that an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is being prepared pursuant to the review of an application to export U.S. natural gas from a planned natural gas liquefaction project in Mexico. The application includes transfer by pipeline of natural gas from the U.S. to Mexico.

NEPA requires federal agencies to assess the potential environmental impacts of major federal actions significantly affecting the environment. Using the NEPA process, agencies evaluate the environmental and related social and economic effects of their proposed actions. An EA is a concise public document that provides sufficient evidence and analysis to determine to prepare an environmental impact statement or a finding of no significant impact.

The EA being prepared is related to the LNG export proceeding shown below:

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You are being contacted as a State or Tribe located near where the cross-border natural gas pipeline(s) that may service the planned liquefaction project is located. The planned liquefaction project states that it anticipates receiving the natural gas produced in the United States and exported to Mexico through existing and, potentially, future cross-border natural gas transmission pipelines, including an interstate pipeline owned by Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC, and intrastate natural gas pipelines owned by Comanche Trail Pipeline, LLC, Roadrunner Gas Transmission, LLC and Trans Pecos Pipeline, LLC. MPL also asserts that, if the proposed border crossing pipeline owned by Saguaro Connector Pipeline, L.L.C. obtains the required authorization and Presidential Permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, MPL would expect to add that pipeline to the several existing pipeline routes over which MPL and its customers may transport natural gas from the United States to Mexico for delivery to the proposed facility.

DOE anticipates providing a draft of the EA this fall, and a 30-day public comment period will then commence.

If you have any questions related to this notice or have updated contact information, please reply to this email.

Thank you,

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