

Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at the beginning of the meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 5, 1999.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site.

**DATES AND TIMES:**

Monday, January 25, 1999:

6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: Public Comment Session

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Joint Subcommittee Session—Tentative

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.: Individual Subcommittee Meetings

Tuesday, January 26, 1999: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at: Holiday Inn, 1 South Forest Beach Drive, Hilton Head, South Carolina 29928.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerri Flemming, Public Accountability Specialist, Environmental Restoration and Solid Waste Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802 (803) 725-5374.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

**Tentative Agenda**

*Monday, January 25, 1999*

6:00 p.m. Public comment session (5-minute rule)

6:30 p.m. Joint subcommittee session (tentative)

7:00 p.m. Issues-based subcommittee meetings

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Tuesday, January 26, 1999*

8:30 a.m. Approval of minutes, agency updates (~ 15 minutes)

Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)

Nuclear materials management subcommittee (~ 1 hour)

Risk management & future use subcommittee report (~ 30 minutes)

Environmental remediation and waste management subcommittee report (~ 2 hours)

12:15 p.m. Lunch

Environmental restoration program (~ 45 minutes)

Administrative subcommittee report (~ 30 minutes)

—Subcommittee chair elections

—Presentation of 1999 membership candidates

Facilitator update (~ 30 minutes)

Technology deployment workshop/Oak Ridge visit (~ 15 minutes)

TNX tour/early warning monitoring system (~ 15 minutes)

Outreach subcommittee report (~ 15 minutes)

Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

If necessary, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, January 25, 1999.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the

agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802, or by calling her at (803) 725-5374.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 27, 1999: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (public comment session).

**ADDRESSES:** Pueblo of Nambé Governor's Office New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, (505) 665-5048.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

**Tentative Agenda:**

6:00 p.m. Call to Order by DOE

6:00 p.m. Welcome by Chair, Roll Call,

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

6:30 p.m. Public Comments

7:00 p.m. Break

7:15 p.m. Board Business  
9:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. The public may file written statements with the Committee, either before or after the meeting. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the door of the meeting room to indicate a request to address the Board. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations, other than during the public comment period, should contact Ms. Ann DuBois at (505) 665-5048 five (5) business days prior to the meeting to request that the Board consider the item for inclusion at this or a future meeting. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. M.J. Byrne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185-5400.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 6, 1999.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-113-000]

#### Algonquin LNG, Inc., Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed ALNG Plant Modifications Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 5, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the ALNG Plant Modifications Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) is necessary and whether to approve the project. The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are

<sup>1</sup> Algonquin LNG, Inc.'s application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations.

available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

In a previous application filed on May 13, 1996, in Docket No. CP96-517-000, Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG) requested authorization to modify its Providence, Rhode Island liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility, to add pipeline facilities to connect the ALNG Plant directly to Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (AGT), and to add liquefaction facilities at the ALNG Plant. Specifically, ALNG proposed the construction of a liquefaction facility, LNG pumps and vaporizers, boil-off gas compressors, 1.05 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline, 0.25 mile of 10.75-inch-diameter pipeline, metering facilities, and miscellaneous facilities including a water/glycol system, feed gas compressors, odorant injection, control systems, and fire protection system additions. ALNG also proposed to inspect the existing 600,000-barrel LNG storage tank and to install new instrumentation; to acquire two existing 0.45-mile-long, 10.75-inch-diameter pipeline crossings of the Providence River; and to abandon three existing vaporizers and related facilities.

The Commission issued an Order Authorizing Certificates on May 6, 1997, and on May 5, 1998, issued an Order on Rehearing. During the processing of Docket No. CP96-517, market conditions changed so significantly that ALNG was unable to accept the authorization.

ALNG now proposes a scaled-back, lower-cost version of that project. The facility changes proposed herein would occur completely within the existing ALNG Plant site and would require no offsite construction as in the previously proposed project.

ALNG seeks Commission authorization to modernize its existing LNG facility in Providence, Rhode Island. The proposed modifications would include:

- Abandoning the three existing direct-fired LNG vaporizers, and installing three new horizontal indirect-fired 150 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscfd) LNG vaporizers;
- Increasing the capacity of the existing LNG pumps from 100 MMscfd to 150 MMscfd;
- Installing two new 600 horsepower boiloff gas compressors consisting of flooded screw type compressors driven by fixed speed electric motors;

- Installing additional emergency power generation equipment, control systems, and safety systems; and
- Modifying metering facilities for the delivery of vaporized LNG and boiloff gas.

The proposed facilities would allow ALNG to continue to provide LNG storage, LNG truck loading and unloading, and LNG vaporization services on a firm and interruptible non-discriminatory open access basis.

A location map of the proposed ALNG Plant Modifications Project is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Existing Facilities

ALNG owns and operates a 600,000-barrel LNG storage facility on the west side of the Providence River. The facility has been in operation for over 20 years, and is exclusively supplied with LNG delivered by truck. Upon demand, LNG is either redelivered in liquid form into trucks supplied by its customers, or vaporized into Providence Gas Company's (PGC) distribution system.

#### Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed ALNG Plant Modifications Project would be contained within the existing 16.5-acre ALNG site. No facilities would be constructed along the waterfront or within 400 feet of the Providence River. The majority of the ground disturbance would be related to foundation construction for the proposed facilities.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA and whether an EIS is necessary. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the *Federal Register*. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.