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FERC Releases Its Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Driftwood LNG Project

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FERC released its final EIS for the Driftwood LNG Project (Project) on January 18, 2019. The Project involves (1) the construction and operation of an LNG Facility and its five appurtenant LNG plant facilities to liquefy natural gas, with other support facilities (like LNG storage tanks and carrier loading facilities) and (2) the construction of about 96 miles of pipeline with various compressor and meter stations along the way.

This Project would affect several parishes in Louisiana – Evangeline, Acadia, Jefferson Davis and Calcasieu Parishes. The LNG Facility will produce up to 27.6 million tons, annually, of LNG for export. FERC found that the Project would have "significant" adverse environmental impacts, which could be reduced to less than significant levels with the implementation of Driftwood's impact avoidance, mitigation and minimization measures. FERC staff made additional recommendations to further reduce and mitigate impacts, but the Commission has not made a final decision on the Project.