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FACTBOX-North America natural gas export plans

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March 14 (Reuters) - Freeport LNG's proposed liquefied natural gas export terminal in Texas inched closer to approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with the release of a draft report on Friday finding the project would not cause significant environmental harm.

Companies need approval from both the U.S. Department of Energy, which determines whether the proposed exports would be in the public interest, and FERC, which assesses safety and environmental effects of the projects' construction and operation.

Freeport is one of four companies waiting for a decision from FERC after receiving permission from the DOE for exports to countries without free trade agreements with the United States.

Cheniere Energy Inc's Sabine Pass project in Louisiana is the only terminal that has received permission from both agencies so far.

FERC typically sets a schedule for carrying out its environmental review of each project, with decisions on licenses usually issued 30 to 90 days after the assessments are completed.

Below is a table showing the proposed and potential LNG export plants in North America according to FERC and the release dates set for the commission's environmental reviews so far. Capacity is in billion cubic feet per day (*indicates project has received DOE, non-free trade agreement approval).

Approved by FERC

Project	State	Company	Start Up	Capacity
*Sabine Pass	Louisiana	Cheniere Energy	2015	2.6

Proposed to FERC

*Freeport LNG	Texas	Freeport LNG/FLNG Liquefaction	2015	1.8
*Lake Charles	Louisiana	Southern Union-Trunkline LNG	TBD	2
*Cove Point	Maryland	Dominion	2016	0.77
*Hackberry	Louisiana	Sempra-Cameron LNG	2018	1.7
Coos Bay	Oregon	Jordan Cove Energy Project	2017	0.9
Elba Island	Georgia	Southern LNG Company	TBD	0.35
Lavaca LNG	Texas	Excelerate Liquefaction	2017	1.38
Magnolia LNG	Louisiana	LNG Limited	2017	1.07
Sabine Pass, TX	Texas	ExxonMobil-Golden Pass	2018	2.1
Corpus Christi	Texas	Cheniere Energy	2017	2.1
Plaquemines Parish	Louisiana	CE FLNG	2018	1.07
Astoria	Oregon	Oregon LNG	2017	1.3
Sabine Pass, LA	Louisiana	Sabine Pass Liquefaction (expansion)	2017	1.3

Final environmental reviews scheduled by FERC

Freeport LNG	June	16, 2014
Cove Point	May	15, 2014
Hackberry (Cameron LNG)	April	30, 2014
Corpus Christi	Oct.	8, 2014

Potential U.S. Project Sites

Project	State	Company	Start-up	Capacity
Cameron Parish	Louisiana	Gasfin Development	TBD	0.2
Brownsville	Texas	Gulf Coast LNG Export	TBD	2.8
Pascagoula	Mississippi	Gulf LNG Liquefaction	TBD	1.5

Cameron Parish	Louisiana	Venture Global	TBD	0.7
Cameron Parish	Louisiana	Waller LNG Services	TBD	0.16
Ingleside	Texas	Pangea LNG	2018	1.09

Proposed Canadian Sites

Kitimat	British Columbia	Apache Canada	2015	0.7
Douglas Island	British Columbia	BC LNG Export Cooperative	2014	0.25
Kitimat	British Columbia	LNG Canada	2020	3.2

Potential Canadian Project Sites

Prince Rupert Island	British Columbia	BG Group	2021	4.2
Goldboro LNG	Nova Scotia	Pieridae Energy Canada	2020	0.7
Melford	Nova Scotia	H-Energy	2020	1.8
Prince Rupert Island	British Columbia	Pacific Northwest LNG	TBD	2.5
Prince Rupert Island	British Columbia	ExxonMobil-Imperial	TBD	3.8
Squamish	British Columbia	Woodfibre LNG Export	TBD	0.3

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