

Bear Head LNG exempted from 2012 Canadian environmental act

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Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd.'s wholly owned subsidiary Bear Head LNG Corp. received notice from the Canadian Environment Assessment Agency (CEAA) that its proposed LNG liquefaction plant and export terminal in Nova Scotia would not need to adhere to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act of 2012 (CEAA 2012).

Project design will be substantially the same as that which was previously proposed, submitted, and approved by CEAA for the site and since some construction for LNG had already taken place on the site, CEAA deemed that CEAA 2012 does not apply to the project's LNG component. Previous construction was for an Anadarko Petroleum Corp.-led import terminal (OGJ Online, Aug. 24, 2005).

The proposed installed natural gas-fired electric power generation also is not considered to trigger CEAA 2012 since the project will not use gas to generate electricity, Bear Head said.

Bear Head described CEAA's decisions as a major step forward in obtaining all regulatory approvals by the middle of this year. Bear Head last year applied for a National Energy Board export license (OGJ Online, Nov. 7, 2014).

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