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Gibbstown/Wyalusing LNG by Rail permit renewal DENIED by Federal Government
Communities hail decision as justice served after long battle

Federal Register – Environmental and community organizations have fought since 2019 for an end to the authorization by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for the transportation by rail car of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the proposed Gibbstown LNG Export Terminal on the Delaware River in Gloucester County NJ. A Special Permit (Special Permit DOT-SP 20534), was issued in December 2019 for transport of LNG by rail car from a proposed LNG processing plant in Wyalusing PA to Gibbstown NJ for export overseas.

Since the permit was issued, organizations and community groups from all four states of the Delaware River Watershed have reached out to the public through tens of thousands of petitions, rallies, municipal resolutions, and other public engagement campaigns to stop the proposed rail transport of LNG - a hazardous, flammable, and explosive cargo through their communities. Endangering hundreds of communities along the 200-mile rail route through PA and NJ, the trains especially threatened communities of color and low-income populations already overburdened with environmental injustices, including Scranton, Wilkes Barre, Reading, Allentown, and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and Camden and other southern municipalities in NJ. The Gibbstown/Wyalusing LNG Project has been delayed; LNG has not been produced and the transport permit was never used.

The Special Permit expired November 30, 2021; Energy Transfer Solutions, a subsidiary of New Fortress Energy, the company that wants to build the LNG export project applied for a renewal at that time. PHMSA issued their decision denying the Special Permit renewal request today, April 24, noticed in the Federal Register at: See: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/current#pipeline-and-hazardous-materials-safety-administration>. The brief entry states “**SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—DENIED—** Permit # 20534–R; Energy Transport Solutions LLC; To renew authorization for the transportation in commerce of methane, refrigerated liquid in DOT specification 113C120W tank cars.

Further information is being gathered and will be shared publicly by Coalition organizations.

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