

How to start participating in a LNG project for the first time

(and how to navigate the 6 major checklists¹ supplementing the Guide)

Maybe you learned about the LNG project through:

A NEWS ARTICLE

INDUSTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

FERC ARTICLE OR
FERC ELIBRARY'S* NEW
DOCKET SEARCH

OTHER

Read this source for any identifying information: the Applicant's Name, Project Name, location, and FERC Docket Number, if available, and use whatever you find to conduct an internet search for similar identifying information

1. Use this identifying information to search FERC's eLibrary* for the project to obtain the FERC Docket Number (begins with "PF" or "CP") If nothing comes up, try a web search to confirm the identifying information you've found is correct and investigate how far the project has progressed; it may be the project hasn't reached the pre-file stage.
2. Once you've identified the FERC Docket Number, subscribe to that Docket for automatic updates**
3. Skim the filings in general to begin to identify what stage the project is in, using the [FERC Participation Checklist \(#1\)](#) for help E.g., is it in pre-filing, what deadlines have elapsed, what remaining opportunities for public participation exist
4. Find and read the last few Status Reports / Monthly Reports filed by the applicant and the last few filings made by FERC This should confirm how far the applicant has progressed with FERC; use the [FERC Participation Checklist \(#1\)](#) to participate further The Status Reports / Monthly Reports in particular should also summarize the applicant's progress receiving other permits, which agencies are issuing those permits, and what the application numbers for those permits are
5. Use this identifying information to search outside of FERC for information and progress on the other permits needed

DOE Authorizations

1. Use identifying information to search DOE's website for the project
2. Use the [DOE Checklist \(#3\)](#) to identify the status of permitting and participate

Army Corps Permits

1. Use identifying information to search website of the local Corps district responsible for the project
2. Use the [Corps Checklist \(#4\)](#) to identify the status of permitting and participate

Section 401 Certifications

1. Use identifying information to identify the website for the certifying authority(s) (likely a state environmental agency) for the project
2. Use the [401 Checklist \(#5\)](#) to identify the status of permitting and participate

Clean Air Act Permits

1. Use identifying information to search your state environmental agency website for the project
2. Use the [CAA Checklist \(#6\)](#) to identify the status of permitting and participate

Other State and Local Issues***

1. Use identifying information to search state and local agency websites for other permits needed by the project (e.g., CZMA permits, tax issues)
2. Connect with an experienced advocate in those areas for more guidance

¹ The 6 checklists are: 1. FERC Participation Checklist; 2. FERC Observation-only Checklist; 3. DOE Checklist; 4. Army Corps Section 404 Checklist; 5. CWA Section 401 Checklist; 6. CAA Checklist

Other helpful information: *<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search> **See the [FERC Participation Checklist \(#1\)](#) and Guide Pages 71–72, 86–87 ***Guide Chapters 3, 9 and 10