

Making Your Voice Heard

It's important that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hear the environmental concerns citizens have about the proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project and pipeline from people in our area. Your personal comment will be read by FERC and can make a difference in the agency's ultimate decision and recommendations.

1. How to get started:

- call FERC (806-208-3676) and ask for a disc that has the Jordan Cove Energy Project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement on it. They will send you one.

OR

- go to the FERC website and on the Environmental Documents page and click: <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp> to download a copy yourself.

OR

- go to your local library to see a printed copy (they should have, or soon will have printed copies available).

OR

- attend informational meetings like the one presented by the LWVCC in January and April. Learn how this project will affect you.

* **Make note:** Reading through the DEIS is a deep dive (5,636 pages including appendixes), but many concerns and details about the project come to light as you make yourself more aware. These can make your written comments more powerful.

All of the presentations of the League of Women Voter's concerns about the proposed project are available online at <http://www.lwvcooscounty.org/STUDIES.html>. The webpage provides links to each of the panel's presentations from our two public meetings. In addition, a link to the public access channel's taping of the session is provided. Written comments by the League submitted to state and federal agencies regarding specific Jordan Cove Energy Project permit applications can also be found there.

You can also read Public Comments submitted on an earlier Jordan Cove DEIS (from 2014) online at the FERC website. These can all serve as helpful examples.

** **Note:** While FERC seems to indicate the need (if any) for a project is outside the scope of an EIS, NEPA (the National Environmental Policy Act) states that "purpose" and "need" for a project **is one of the most important parts of an EIS**. So you may want to assert your view about the need (or not!) for an LNG export facility and pipeline.

2. What sorts of comments will have the most impact on FERC's review?

- Stick to the areas that FERC considers to be within their scope. The resources quoted below from FERC **are given weight** in their review as they consider public comments they receive.

"Constructing and operating the Project would impact geological resources, soils and sediments, water resources, wetlands, vegetation, wildlife, aquatic resources, threatened and endangered species, and other species of concern, land use, recreation, visual resources, socioeconomics,

transportation, cultural resources, air quality, and noise. Our analysis also evaluates the potential for cumulative impacts on these resources.”

- on the other hand PROJECT IMPACTS FERC considers to be outside the direct environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the Jordan Cove project, **will not be given weight** in their review of public Comments. FERC has stated (regarding some preliminary comments already received):

“...many comments raised concerns that are outside the scope of this EIS. Examples include comments concerning the public benefit or need to export LNG, unconventional natural gas production (“fracking”), induced production of natural gas, “life- cycle” cumulative environmental impacts associated with the LNG export process, and downstream greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the combustion of exported natural gas.”

- whereas the areas mentioned above are important issues, they will be more productive if raised with our elected officials (at all levels), news media, conversations with neighbors and other community members.

- if your Comments stick to the environmental impacts on the list of what FERC **does consider within their scope** these Comments will be more powerful.

3. How to file your Comment - current deadline for submitting is July 5th – 2 pm

- You can send it electronically 2 different ways at www.ferc.gov
Click on the Documents & Filing tab in the blue area at the top of the page.
In the drop-down menu choose to eComment or eFile:
(You will find a Click & Play icon with full video instructions on either page.)
 1. Choose eComment - if you have a text only document of 6,000 characters or less. FERC recommends you copy & paste your document onto the form as it times out at 35 minutes.
 - you do need to have a valid email address
 2. Choose eFile - if you want to include attachments like exhibits or photos and/or your document is longer than 6000 characters.
 - You will need to register with their online system, which requires you to create a Username & Password.
 - Once registered you can also do eSubscription which lets you track projects, get notified by email about submittals, issues, retrieve public documents through links in their emails, etc.
- Or you can mail it in. Comments have to be received by the deadline, not just postmarked by then. So you will have to allow ample time for delivery:
Address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary,
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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***** With all Comments be sure to include:**

Reference to Project docket numbers (CP17-494-000 & CP17-495-000) on your Comment.