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MSSA Opposes LNG Site

(PASADENA, MD) – “If the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) decided proposals based on opponents versus proponents, and benefits versus consequences, the Sparrows Point LNG facility would have been denied years ago”, said Dave Smith, Associate Executive Director of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA).



Last night the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA) took advantage once again in showing its opposition to this proposal. Frank Holden, Secretary of the MSSA and Pete Reid, Treasurer, gave oral comment in front of the five member advisory board consisting of FERC and cooperating agencies, including U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. The MSSA also gave oral comment to the board on Tuesday, June 9th at Patapsco High School and has submitted written comment as well.

Frank Holden stated, “To dredge material found at Sparrows Point would be a travesty, this dredge material holds many of the sins of the Bethlehem Steel plant and shipyard and should remain there forever.” Holden also pointed out several more MSSA concerns in respect to safety and security.

This was the last public hearing before FERC drafts its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). FERC states that this will not be the only factor involved in making the decision but will rely on the expertise of cooperating agencies.

FERC and cooperating agencies must address more than 151 problems stated in the draft EIS and many more which were submitted in the public comment stage. AES Corp. has not responded or answered any of the concerns stated in the draft EIS and will not do so publicly. Much of AES Corp. and FERC's communication is done behind closed doors and though open to the public on rare occasions, attendees must sign a confidentiality statement before entering.

FERC's decision will most likely come in November due to the lengthy EIS statement and the hundreds of safety, security and environmental concerns. In the meantime FERC will be accepting written comment beyond Monday, June 16th, but encourage people to submit their comments as soon as possible so they can address your issues in the final EIS.

The MSSA will continue opposing this irresponsible proposal brought by AES and FERC and encourage our members to submit written comment. For more information visit <http://cryptome.org/ferc050208.htm> You can submit written comment by following the directions below or on FERC's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>

Send an original and two copies of your comments to:

Kimberly D. Bose, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

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