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**Annova LNG Draft Environmental Impact Statement Issued**

*Third and final draft EIS released for proposed fracked gas projects in Rio Grande Valley*

BROWNSVILLE, TX -- Today, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) [released](#) the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Annova LNG export terminal. The issuing of the draft EIS does not grant the Exelon Corp approval to build the Annova LNG project.

Locals have the opportunity to submit public comments to the FERC on the draft EIS by February 4, 2019. There will be one FERC comment session in Port Isabel to submit comments in person on the draft EIS on January 10 from 5 - 9 pm. This is the third and final release of a draft EIS of the three proposed LNG terminals for the Rio Grande Valley. FERC officials are expected to release the final EIS in April 2019 and a decision on Exelon Corp's permit in July 2019.

**In response, Rio Grande Valley Sierra Club Organizer Rebekah Hinojosa released the following statement:**

“Texans from across the state have already submitted thousands of comments in opposition to the draft environmental impact statement for Rio Grande LNG and the Rio Bravo Pipeline, and that same level of opposition exists for Texas LNG and Annova LNG. Local communities have been opposing these projects for several years to prevent these companies from industrializing and polluting our pristine coastline to export fracked gas overseas.”

**Patrick Anderson, member of the [Save RGV from LNG](#) coalition, released the following statement:**

“None of the three draft environmental impact statements from the three proposed projects have fully taken into consideration the cumulative impacts of having three export terminals spewing toxic pollution built in the same area. The comment sessions that have been held in the Valley so far to gather public comments on the Rio Grande LNG and Rio Bravo Pipeline have been a sham, but we've shown up to each and every one of them.”

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**About the Sierra Club**

*The Sierra Club is America's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than 3 million members and supporters. In addition to helping people from all*

*backgrounds explore nature and our outdoor heritage, the Sierra Club works to promote clean energy, safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public education, lobbying, and legal action. For more information, visit [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org).*

*About Save RGV from LNG*

*Save RGV from LNG is a community-led coalition which has been raising economic, environmental, and community concerns about the proposed LNG complex in the Port of Brownsville for several years.*