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Texans Rally Outside LNG Company NextDecade's Shareholder Meeting
Texans demand NextDecade halt plans to build polluting fracked gas export project near South Padre Island

The Woodlands, Texas -- This morning, Rio Grande Valley residents joined Houston allies in a rally for a "[Frack Free Next Decade](#)" at NextDecade's "[Annual Meeting of Stockholders](#)" to demand the company cease all plans to build the Rio Grande Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export terminal and Rio Bravo Pipeline. Community members next door to where the LNG terminal is proposed to be built in the Rio Grande Valley also delivered a [letter](#) to NextDecade executives detailing the social and environmental impacts of the proposed project.



If built, Rio Grande LNG would be the second largest LNG export terminal in the country. In addition to local impacts, its construction would increase fracking in the Permian Basin, a region already suffering from sinkholes created by the oil and gas industry. It would also increase fracking in the Eagle Ford Shale, where air pollution has worsened health effects from smog for

nearby cities like San Antonio. The Rio Bravo Pipeline, which would supply the fracked gas, would be the largest pipeline in the country currently requesting a federal permit.

“We are here to tell NextDecade executives and stockholders directly that we are against their polluting business being forced onto our communities despite the clear concerns we have expressed over and over again,” said **Jim Chapman with community organization Save RGV from LNG**. “We strongly advise investors to withdraw from this risky, environmentally damaging, and unwanted project.”

Friday’s action was part of a four-year-long organizing effort to stop the permitting and construction of LNG in the Rio Grande Valley, near South Padre Island.

“Rio Grande Valley locals are taking every measure to prevent this bad project, which would threaten our air, and choke our local businesses that depend on a clean environment and accessible waterways, from becoming real,” said **Rebekah Hinojosa, Rio Grande Valley Sierra Club Organizer**. “We have traveled to Europe to speak with the bank advising Rio Grande LNG and demand that it divests from the project. We have sent in thousands of public comments to regulators, passed anti-LNG city resolutions, and are organizing with international allies to draw attention to the global implications of the fracked gas cycle in Texas.”

NextDecade filed a permit application for Rio Grande LNG and the Rio Bravo Pipeline with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 2016, but the LNG project has yet to receive the final permits to build. Rio Grande Valley residents are currently awaiting the draft environmental impact statement, which could be publicized by the end of this year.

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