## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Informational Open House and Virtual Public Meeting for Texas GulfLink Deepwater Port License Application

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announce the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Texas GulfLink LLC (GulfLink) deepwater port license application for the export of crude oil from the United States to nations abroad and the re-opening of the public comment period for the DEIS. The DEIS is being reissued to ensure the meaningful engagement of identified Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons in the environmental impact review process. Additionally, MARAD and USCG announce a virtual public meeting and virtual informational open house for the DEIS.

A Notice of Application that summarized the GulfLink deepwater port license application was published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2019 (84 FR 30298-30300). A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Public Meetings was published in the Federal Register on July 3, 2019 (84 FR 32008-32010). A Notice of Availability; Notice of Virtual Public Meetings; Request for Comments for the GulfLink deepwater port license application was published in the Federal Register on November 27, 2020 (85 FR 76157-76159). This Notice of Availability incorporates the aforementioned Federal Register Notices by reference. The application describes a project that would include pipelines and a crude oil storage terminal located onshore in Brazoria County, Texas, and an offshore pipeline leading to a deepwater port located approximately 26.6 nautical miles off the coast of Brazoria County, Texas.

We encourage you to visit the informational open house website <a href="http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai">http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai</a> and attend the virtual public meeting to learn about, and to comment on the proposed action and the environmental impact analysis contained in the DEIS. The informational open house website <a href="http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai">http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai</a> will be available throughout the public comment period, which will end on November 8, 2021, 45 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability of the DEIS for GulfLink Deepwater Port License Application MARAD-2019-0093 in the Federal Register. The website includes information about the proposed project, including the DEIS, presented in a virtual open house format. The project docket, located online at <a href="www.regulations.gov">www.regulations.gov</a> (docket number MARAD-2019-0093) will be available for viewing during the public comment period as well as after the end of the public comment period.

The virtual public meeting will be hosted on the Zoom (<a href="www.zoom.us">www.zoom.us</a>) platform on October 14, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time. Interested parties must register to attend and, if desired, to speak during the virtual public meeting. You may register online at <a href="http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai">http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai</a> or obtain help registering by contacting AECOM toll free at 833-588-1191. Details for accessing the meeting will be provided via email or phone after registration.

Individuals who require special assistance such as sign language services, language interpreters or other reasonable accommodation, please indicate your special assistance need when registering either at <a href="http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai">http://TexasGulfLinkDWP\_EIS.consultation.ai</a> or toll free at 833-588-1191. Requests for special assistance must be made at least five (5) business days in advance of the virtual public meeting. Please include contact information as well as information about your specific

needs. Instructions for accessing the meeting will be sent to all registrants via email or will be provided by AECOM to registrants calling the toll free number.

We encourage you to submit comments regarding this proposed project anytime during the comment period to the Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility. If you do so, please include your name, address, and docket number MARAD-2019-0093. To make sure your comments are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them using only one of the following means by the close of the comment period on November 8, 2021.

- Electronically (preferred to expedite processing): Through the Federal Docket Management System website: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a> under docket number MARAD-2019-0093.
- By Mail: Docket Management Facility (MARAD-2019-0093), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- By Personal Delivery: To the room and address listed above from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- By Fax: To the Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251

The DEIS for the Texas GulfLink deepwater port license application may also be viewed at the following public libraries:

- Freeport Branch Library
- Lake Jackson Branch Library
- Angleton Branch Library
- Sweeny Branch Library

If you have any questions about the proposed deepwater port license application, you may contact: Mr. Patrick W. Clark, Project Manager, USCG, telephone: 202-372-1358, email: <a href="mailto:Patrick.W.Clark@uscg.mil">Patrick.W.Clark@uscg.mil</a>; or Dr. Linden Houston, Transportation Specialist, Office of Deepwater Ports and Port Conveyance, MARAD, telephone: 202-366-4839, email: <a href="mailto:Linden.Houston@dot.gov">Linden.Houston@dot.gov</a>.