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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Cabrillo Port Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, California, Federal Docket Number: USCG-2004-16877, CEQ Number: 20070093, State Clearinghouse Number: 2004021107

Dear Mr. Prescott:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) NEPA Review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), we have reviewed the U.S. Coast Guard's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Cabrillo Port Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port. This project is proposed by BHP Billiton LNG International, Inc. (BHPB) and includes receiving, storage, and re-gasification facilities and associated pipelines, to be located in deep waters off the coast of Ventura County, California.

The Deepwater Port Act (DPA), 33 U.S.C. § 1504(e)(2), Section 9(b) provides the Governor of adjacent coastal states, in this case California, with certain authorities, including the opportunity to notify the Secretary of the Department of Transportation on whether a deepwater port license would be consistent with state programs relating to environmental protection, land and water use, and coastal zone management. On Friday, May 18, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger disapproved the application of BHPB for construction and operation of Cabrillo Port. In light of the Governor's action, any comments we might have on the FEIS have become moot.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Nova Blazej, Manager, Environmental Review Office (415) 972-3846 or Ann McPherson, the lead reviewer for this project. Ann can be reached at (415) 972-3545 or mcpherson.ann@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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