



LNG: Myth vs. Fact.

LNG, Liquefied Natural Gas, has the best safety record in the energy industry. The AES Corporation wants to bring a new business to the industrial area of Sparrows Point in Baltimore County to import this clean-burning fuel. Wherever an LNG project is proposed, myths and mis-information are quick to follow. Here are some of the myths about the AES project and the real story behind them.

MYTH: The facility is being located too close to residential neighborhoods.

FACT: Compared with more than 100 other LNG storage facilities across the nation, and by all federal set-back standards, the AES facility is considered remote. LNG terminals are regulated by strict codes and standards that ensure public safety. The combination of remote siting criteria and strict design and operating standards will make certain that the AES facility is extremely safe and reliable.

MYTH: Dredging will hurt the Chesapeake Bay.

FACT: Independent sediment analyses show low and manageable levels of contaminants within the area that we propose to dredge. Public records show far greater levels of contamination well up in Bear Creek. Environmental agencies and independent professionals have indicated that removal of contaminated sediments can improve water quality. Done properly with technology available today, dredging can help accelerate the recovery of the Patapsco River. AES has proposed to clean-up an area that is polluted at no expense to taxpayers. We will safely clean and process the dredge material into useful products.

MYTH: The project will sit atop a Superfund site.

FACT: Both Federal and State agencies confirm that the site proposed for the AES project is not and never was a Superfund site, and does not require active remediation for any contaminants. AES is proposing to put back into productive use (through new jobs, local income, and tax payments) an industrial area that has been underutilized for years.

MYTH: Maryland has all the natural gas it needs.

FACT: Maryland's natural gas needs are supplied by the interstate pipeline system, and those pipelines are operating at or near capacity. Maryland's natural gas needs are projected to grow by up to 50% by 2025, requiring new, affordable sources of natural gas supply to keep prices within reach of the average consumer. Putting more gas into the system at the point of demand is cheaper than transporting it thousands of miles from production areas in the Gulf of Mexico or Canada where the price is set. More and cheaper natural gas means lower prices.

MYTH: An LNG plant at Sparrows Point is a terrorist target.

FACT: Many people have incorrectly attributed this statement to Richard Clarke, former White House counter-terrorism advisor. In fact, Clarke believes that the AES project at Sparrows Point represents an unlikely terrorist target due to its distance from commercial and residential areas. He categorized the location as being in the lowest risk level zone.



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