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## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Saint Croix Island International Historic Site  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 1, 2010

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Ms. Susan M. Lessard, Chair  
c/o Terry Hanson  
Maine Board of Environmental Protection  
#17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: Calais LNG Application for Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal in Calais, Maine (Site Location of Development Act Application # L-24843-26-A-N; Natural Resources Protection Act Application # L-24843-TG-B-N, # L-24843-IW-C-N, # L-24843-L6-D-N, and # L-24843-4P-E-N; Air Emissions Application # A-1029-71-A-N; Waste Discharge application # W 9056-50-A-N)

Dear Ms. Lessard:

We are writing in response the Board of Environmental Protection's Notice of Hearing and Opportunity for Intervention in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to 06-096 Code of Maine Rules, Chapter 30, Section 5.C., the National Park Service requests the opportunity to participate as a governmental agency in hearings on the matter, and to introduce evidence and question witnesses to represent the views and position of the agency in regard to its management and operation of Saint Croix Island International Historic Site. The National Park Service has a direct and substantial interest in the proceedings, which is described below.

Calais LNG is proposing to construct and operate an LNG import terminal, storage, and send-out facility on the St. Croix River, approximately six miles southeast of the downtown area of the City of Calais in Washington County, Maine. Saint Croix Island International Historic Site is located on the St. Croix River approximately 1.5 miles downstream of the proposed Calais LNG facility. The park comprises a 6.5-acre island in the St. Croix River and two mainland parcels overlooking the island in the village of Red Beach in Calais, Maine, totaling approximately 36 acres.

In 1998, the National Park Service prepared a general management plan and environmental impact statement for the site. The plan established long-term management goals and policies for the site and described its purpose, which is to conserve unimpaired the resources and values of St. Croix Island for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

Saint Croix Island International Historic Site was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on October 15, 1966 (#66000932).

The National Park Service administers Saint Croix Island International Historic Site in cooperation with Parks Canada to commemorate the first attempt by France to establish a permanent colony in 1604, which is one of the earliest European settlements in North America. In recognition of its historic significance, the area became a unit of the National Park Service in 1949. It is the only international historic site in the national park system.

The National Park Service believes that adverse environmental effects to the resources and values of Saint Croix Island International Historic Site may include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Air Quality:**

- Emissions from transport ships
- Emissions from regasification facilities depending upon method employed (if gas fired heaters are used to heat LNG)
- Emissions from compressor stations (pipeline pressure boost) if gas fired
- Emissions from LNG boil-off (if not contained and used for other power purposes)
- Emissions relating to power generation for LNG facility use (whether onsite or offsite)

**Erosion and Sedimentation:**

- Sedimentation impacts from construction and maintenance or other dredge or fill activities
- Impacts to shoreline, including accelerated erosion and disturbance of archeological resources

**Noise:**

- Noise from compressors, pumps, idling ships, maintenance or ground transportation equipment
- Noise from ships passing in close proximity to St. Croix Island, including associated tug boats

**Scenic Character/Historic Preservation:**

- Impacts associated with shipping in close proximity to St. Croix Island
- Impacts associated with terminal facilities, including docking pier and storage tanks
- Impacts to the night sky from 24-hour operational and security lighting (i.e., light pollution)

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to participating in the proceeding for this project.

Sincerely,



Sheridan Steele  
Superintendent

cc: David P. Littell, Commissioner, Maine Department of Environmental Protection