

Dominion Works with Federal, State and Local Agencies For Project Permits and Approval

The Cove Point Expansion Project team is seeking permission or approval from several federal, state and local regulatory agencies to construct new facilities at and in support of the Dominion Cove Point LNG terminal.


Federal agencies that are involved include the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Coast Guard and National Marine Fisheries Services. These agencies have jurisdiction that may cross state boundaries and normally review the entire project to understand public need, public necessity, environmental impacts and impact mitigation. As part of their process, the federal agencies will obtain and consider state and local government input as well as public comment in order to address the varied aspects of the project.

State agencies with permitting authority over the project include Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Division of Natural Resources, Maryland Critical Area Commission, Maryland Bureau of Public Works, Maryland Historic Trust, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Division of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, and the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission.

Some state agencies may have designated departments that address specific issues. For instance, within the Maryland Department of the Environment there are separate, designated departments that evaluate impacts to tidal water bodies, non-tidal water bodies, and air. The Maryland Division of Natural Resources has separate, designated departments that evaluate impacts to endangered species, forest conservation, state parks and recreation

Dominion is working with local government agencies in all of the counties in which the project's proposed facilities will be located. This includes eight counties in Pennsylvania and three counties in Maryland. Dominion will work with the

counties to manage site plan, grading, erosion and sediment control, building permit, and storm water management

Dominion also is working with other government agencies that have jurisdiction over the public lands that the project's proposed facilities will cross. In Pennsylvania, Dominion is working with the Pennsylvania Division of Natural Resources to access state forests on the pipeline route and with the Pennsylvania Game Commission to access state game lands. In Maryland, Dominion is working with the Maryland Conservation Council and the Sierra Club to conduct activities at the Cove Point terminal. 

As part of the permitting process, Cove Point Expansion Project team members identify wetlands along the proposed pipeline route.



Q. What safety precautions will you take during construction?

A. **Danger to the general public associated with natural gas pipeline construction is minimal. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed into the construction area. However, landowners who want to monitor the construction on their property will be allowed access with the appropriate escort and safety equipment.**





Dominion Begins To Acquire Right-of-Way and Land for Cove Point Expansion Project

Right-of-way and land acquisition is an important component of the Cove Point Expansion project. Negotiation with landowners for those rights is a critical step in the process that will result in a successful project.

For some segments of the expansion, Dominion already holds the land rights it needs. For other segments, right-of-way negotiations are in progress. Finally, for other portions of the project – notably the TL-532 pipeline in Maryland and the PL-1 Ext. 2 pipeline in central Pennsylvania – right-of-way and land acquisition is planned to begin this summer and fall.

In order to obtain the rights that Dominion needs to construct its facilities, the company will utilize a number of land agreements, depend-

ing on the specific need. The main types are as follows:

- The majority of the agreements that Dominion will seek will be **Pipeline Right-of-Way Agreements**, also called Pipeline Easement Agreements. These easement agreements grant to Dominion the right to construct, operate and maintain the pipeline upon specific properties.
- Dominion may also seek **Access Road Agreements** from certain landowners to permit the use of either existing roads or the construction of new roads to be used during construction, operation and maintenance of the pipeline.
- **Gate Valve Site Agreements** will permit Dominion to install and operate main line valves along the

pipeline. Installation of valves at regular intervals along the pipeline is required by federal Department of Transportation regulations.

- An agreement for a **Pipe Storage Area** will be obtained from certain landowners along the pipeline to permit Dominion to store pipe and materials and to use the area for a work site during the construction of the pipeline.
- Finally, **Deeds** will be obtained for certain properties that Dominion wishes to own. Notable examples of properties that Dominion will own are the sites for the Perulack and Centre compressor stations, both in Pennsylvania.

When contacting you, Dominion’s land agents will provide specific details concerning the location of the pipeline on your property and the agreements that Dominion wishes to obtain from you. Dominion will compensate landowners for these agreements and its agents will work with the landowners to address any specific property concerns.

Get additional information from www.dom.com, keyword **cpexpansion**, or by e-mailing your questions to cpexpansion@dom.com.

To contact Dominion about the project or to request to be added to the newsletter distribution list, use the appropriate telephone number below:

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