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Green Port Open House Educates, Entertains

What's big, green and packs a punch with the public? Not the Incredible Hulk — although some of the kids at the Port of Long Beach's Green Port Open House may have asked for the comic hero's features at the face painting stall.

The event opened the Port to the public and did so in style, as more than 2,200 people flocked to the Port Administration Building to learn how the Port is getting greener.

"We want everyone to know that nothing is more important at the Port of Long Beach than protecting the public and the environment," Long Beach Harbor Commission President Doris Topsy-Elvord told the gathering. "For the sake of everyone who works here at the Port, for our neighbors, for the community and all of the children here today — we are going to make this the best and most environmentally friendly port in the world."

The Open House on October 1 provided an interactive opportunity for the public to learn about the Port's Green Port Policy — a sweeping new framework for how the Port is addressing environmental impacts and changing the very way it does business. There were more than 30 exhibits, booths and displays, including presentations on the Port's air, traffic, water, soil/sediments, wildlife habitat, community engagement and sustainability programs.

Environmental Cruises

A free 45-minute harbor cruise took more than 1,000 visitors out on the water to see many of the Port's environmental programs in action. Demonstrations provided a look at clean air technology. Clean-burning Port vehicles and equipment were on display with staff explaining how they worked. Other booths demonstrated to visitors how high-tech

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HEARINGS SET ON LNG REVIEW

What do you think? Public officials are gathering comments and questions about a draft environmental impact report for a proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility at the Port of Long Beach.

In an unprecedented effort to solicit community input, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have extended the required public review period from 45 to 60 days. Four public hearings are being held to gather public comment on the environmental documents.

"We want to make it easy for our citizens to let their voices be heard," said Harbor Commission President Doris Topsy-Elvord.

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Regulatory Review of Proposed LNG Terminal

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"We have arranged meetings at locations in neighborhoods throughout the community to encourage participation."

The four public meetings, all beginning at 6 p.m., are scheduled for November 14 at Long Beach City Council Chambers, November 15 at Jordan High School, November 30 at Millikan High School and December 1 at Cabrillo High School.

Proposed Project

Sound Energy Solutions (SES), a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan, is proposing to build and operate an LNG import terminal at the Port of Long Beach. If approved the terminal could supply 10 percent of the state's needs, but security and safety are concerns.

Construction cannot begin without the approval of local, state and federal authorities. These approvals cannot take place until a thorough review of environmental issues takes place. Areas examined in the study include geologic resources; air quality; marine water resources; wildlife habitats; land use and public services; noise; recreation; aesthetics and visual resources; socio-economics; transportation; cultural resources; vessel transportation; hazards; public safety; utilities and service systems.

Proposed LNG Terminal Environmental Review Process Public Hearing Schedule

November 14
Long Beach City Council Chamber
333 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach CA
6 p.m.

November 30
Millikan High School
2800 Snowden Ave.
Long Beach CA
6 p.m.

November 15
Jordan High School
6500 Atlantic Ave.
Long Beach CA
6 p.m.

December 1
Cabrillo High School
2001 Santa Fe Ave.
Long Beach CA
6 p.m.

Next Steps

- Once the comments are incorporated into the environmental document, the final EIR/EIS will come to the Harbor Commission for a determination of adequacy. This is anticipated in mid-2006.
- If commissioners vote to move forward, a Master Plan Amendment would be sent to the California Coastal Commission for approval. If the amendment were approved, the proposed project would come back to the Harbor Commission for a final decision on a development permit and a lease. This decision could be in late 2006.

Copies of the two-volume, 700-plus-page draft EIR/EIS are available:

- Online at polb.com and ferc.gov
- The City Clerk's office at Long Beach City Hall
- Local libraries
- The Port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach CA 90802.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments to the Port and FERC.

For more information, send an email to info@polb.com or call the Port Planning Division at (562) 590-4160.



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