

OXNARD LNG TERMINAL: A MAJOR DECISION

The following information excerpted from the draft EIR for the proposed Oxnard LNG terminal gives some indication of the scope and potential impact of the project.

1. The ultimate plant development would provide some four billion standard cubic feet of natural gas per day to California.
2. Some \$300 million dollars would ultimately be invested in the construction of the facilities.
3. Construction of the plant would remove some 105 acres of prime agricultural land from production.
4. The plant would include a 6,540 foot tressle extending off-shore to receive liquefied natural gas from an estimated 565 ships (900' in length) each year.
5. At peak construction, some 1,400 workers would be employed with a total payroll of some \$60 million for the construction period. The plant would provide on-going employment to some 51 persons with an annual payroll of \$750,000.
6. During the construction period, net revenues from the plant to local jurisdictions is estimated at some \$8 million, including some \$2 million to the City of Oxnard; the gross tax revenue to the City during the plant's first full year in operation would be an estimated \$820,000.
7. Completion of the plant is predicted to have a beneficial impact upon air quality in the Southern California area.
8. The plant is predicted to pose a risk to public safety in the Oxnard area. "The heat from a 25,000 cubic meter LNG pool fire can cause death more than 1.25 miles away, and ignite wood structures one mile away." "An unignited gas cloud will drift with prevailing winds until an ignition source is encountered, or until it dissipates and becomes harmless. How far an ignitable cloud could extend is a crucial - and controversial - question."