



Cove Point LNG, LLC
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October 16, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Bryan Lethcoe
Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
8701 S. Gessner Road
Suite 630
Houston, Texas 77074

Re: Cove Point LNG, LP, CPF No. 4-2025-010-NOPSO

Dear Mr. Lethcoe:

On October 14, 2025, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA or the Agency) issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (NOPSO) to Cove Point LNG, LP (Cove Point) in the above-captioned matter. The NOPSO pertains to Tanks 5V534A and 5V543B at the Cove Point LNG facility in Lusby, Maryland.

Cove Point has reviewed the NOPSO and would like to initially point out that nine of the ten leaks referenced in the NOPSO, including the 40,000-ppm leak, were resolved, March 17, 2025, the same day they were identified and rescanned to show they were no longer leaking. The 40,000-ppm leak was not related to any tank elevation issues but was rather a valve packing leak. In addition, the other previously identified and repaired leaks were also not attributed to the tank elevation change. Cove Point takes its safety responsibilities seriously and has hired a structural integrity engineering firm and two civil/geotechnical engineering firms to evaluate the tanks and associated piping subject to the NOPSO. Cove Point would like to provide this information to PHMSA in the hopes of resolving this matter expeditiously. Therefore, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.239(b)(2), Cove Point respectfully requests an informal consultation to discuss the proposed safety order.

In the event the informal consultation does not result in a consent agreement between Cove Point and PHMSA, Cove Point reserves the right to request a hearing pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.239(b)(2) and (3). This request is timely filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.239(b)(1).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric V. Taylor".

Director, Engineering Services
BHE Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.

cc: Chad Hall (PHMSA)