EPA's Role in the LNG Project Approval and Environmental Review Process **LNG Project Seeks Approval** Proposed project is located onshore Proposed project is located offshore or near shore (within state waters) (seaward of state waters) MARAD issues DPA license, FERC conducts NEPA identifies nearest adjacent coastal state(s) review and issues USCG processes license authorization applications EPA is cooperating Within 45 days after the final EPA reviews and comments on environmental impact agency for NEPA public hearing, the Administrator is EPA review of to provide recommendation on EPA review required under environmental impact whether to approve or disapprove

statement required

under CAA § 309

the application and to inform DOT if the deepwater port will not

conform to the requirements of the

CAA, CWA and MPRSA

Acronyms and Abbreviations

CAA § 309

CAA — Clean Air Act

CWA — Clean Water Act

 $\mathsf{DOT}-\mathsf{U.S.}\ \mathsf{Department}\ \mathsf{of}\ \mathsf{Transportation}$

DPA - Deepwater Port Act

EPA — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FERC — Federal Energy Regulatory Committee

LNG — Liquified Natural Gas

MARAD — U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration

MPRSA — Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act

NEPA — National Environmental Policy Act USCG — U.S. Coast Guard

FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS LOCATED ONSHORE OR NEAR SHORE (WITHIN STATE WATERS):

- FERC conducts National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") review and issues authorization;
- EPA reviews and comments on Environmental Impact Statement. EPA review is required under Clean Air Act ("CAA") Sec. 309.14

FOR PROJECTS LOCATED OFFSHORE (SEAWARD OF STATE WATERS):

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¹⁴ EPA Review Process under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, EPA, Accessed September 29, 2022, https://www.epa.gov/nepa/epa-review-process-under-section-309-clean-air-act