

January 8, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: jack.fusco@cheniere.com

Mr. Jack A. Fusco
President and Chief Executive Officer
Cheniere Energy, Inc.
700 Milam Street, Suite 1900
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CPF No. 4-2020-3004

Dear Mr. Fusco:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes one finding of violation and acknowledges that the civil penalty amount of \$80,100 has been paid in full. Therefore, this case is now closed. Service of the Final Order by electronic mail is effective upon the date of transmission, as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Ms. Mary McDaniel, Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
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CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

In the Matter of)	
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Cheniere Energy, Inc.,)	CPF No. 4-2020-3004
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Respondent.)	
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FINAL ORDER

On October 27, 2020, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Cheniere Energy, Inc. (Respondent), arising out of an incident at the company’s Sabine Pass LNG facility in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on April 26, 2018. The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 193 and proposed a civil penalty of \$80,100. Respondent did not contest the allegations of violation and paid the proposed civil penalty on November 30, 2020.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to § 190.213, I find that Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulation listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice, which is incorporated by reference:

49 C.F.R. § 193.2605 (**Item 1**) — Respondent failed to follow its own written procedures for performing maintenance activities for a perlite refill operation on Tank S-102 at its Sabine Pass LNG facility, resulting in an ignition of venting vapors that damaged control and sensor cables.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.223, Respondent is assessed the proposed civil penalty amount of \$80,100, which Respondent has already paid in full.

WARNING ITEM

With respect to Item 2, the Notice alleged a probable violation of 49 C.F.R. § 193.2707, but did not propose a civil penalty or compliance order. Therefore, this is considered to be a warning item. The Respondent provided additional information regarding this item for PHMSA’s consideration. If OPS finds a violation of this provision in a subsequent inspection, Respondent may be subject to future enforcement action.

The terms and conditions of this order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

January 8, 2021

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued