

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dear «Name»,

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is considering collecting data on aboveground liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facilities to gain a better understanding of total natural gas storage capacity. Recent growth in petroleum and natural gas production has led total aboveground natural gas storage capacity to grow by 20% from 279 billion cubic feet (46.5 million barrels) in 2010 to 334 billion cubic feet (55.6 million barrels) in 2019. Collecting information on above ground LNG storage will improve the accuracy of EIA's weekly and monthly natural gas storage reports.

As an operator of an aboveground LNG storage facility, your feedback will help EIA assess if these LNG facilities are able to report inventory levels. As part of this research project, we will conduct in-person interviews. We will be in your area the week of XXX and would like to visit with you to discuss these research topics with you. In addition, EIA is interested in receiving feedback on the amount of time and effort it will take you to report this information to EIA. The interview will take approximately 30 minutes. Participation in this research is voluntary and your responses are protected as confidential information.

Your opinions are important to us and we look forward to your feedback. If you would like to participate in an interview, please use the following link below to set up a date and time that works best with your schedule <u>calendly.com/XXXX</u>. Please reach out to Daniel Bier on my staff if you have any questions at (202) 586-0379, or by email at <u>daniel.bier@eia.gov</u>.

Sincerely yours,

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