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Via email to [deq.publicnotices@la.gov](mailto:deq.publicnotices@la.gov)

Re: AI Number 221642, Permit Numbers 0560-00997-VO and PSD-LA-841, Activity Numbers PER20210001 and PER20210002

Dear Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ):

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Commonwealth LNG, LLC, Proposed Part 70 Air Operating Permit and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (air permit). I am writing on behalf of Louisiana Wildlife Federation to draw attention to the impacts of siting this facility as proposed, particularly when considering its impact cumulatively with other permitted LNG facilities.

This area of Cameron Parish in southwest Louisiana already has multiple proposed LNG facilities in a relatively compact area. The air permit should take into consideration the cumulative impacts from other LNG plants operating close by. Also, the air permit application states that over 3.5 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions would be emitted annually. This emission level conflicts with the goals Louisiana has set forth in the recently adopted Louisiana Climate Action Plan.

Another cumulative impact is how adding this plant to the enlarged footprint other LNG facilities have in the area will negatively affect the unique habitat of this part of coastal Louisiana. This project will destroy dozens of acres of habitat and its emissions could add to the deterioration of air and water quality beyond this immediate habitat. Construction of this facility would mean more loss of critical habitat. Wildlife species, particularly the endangered Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis*), depend on Cameron Parish's habitat.

We urge LDEQ to deny approval of the air permit at this time or at least extend the public comment period to allow more time to review the very long air permit document as it was presented, particularly when trying to consider potential comprehensive emissions for the area.

Louisiana Wildlife Federation is a statewide, nonprofit organization that represents 19 affiliate organizations and more than 7,000 members dedicated to the conservation of Louisiana's wildlife and natural resources. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Triche, Executive Director