



September 3, 2019

Fernando Andrés López Larreynaga  
Minister of Environment and Natural Resources  
Kilómetro 5½ carretera a Santa Tecla,  
calle y colonia Las Mercedes,  
Edificios MARN San Salvador

Dear Minister López:

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is proposing to issue financing to the Energía del Pacífico Project, a liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine receiving facility and an onshore 378 MW natural gas power plant to be constructed on a vacant landsite within the existing Port area.

OPIC is an agency of the United States Government with a mandate to encourage and support U.S. private sector investments in developing countries and emerging economies. All OPIC-supported projects must be economically and environmentally sound. OPIC is required by U.S. law to notify appropriate governmental authorities of investments under consideration for OPIC assistance that have the potential to pose significant consequences for the environment.

OPIC also is required by U.S. law to provide your government with information about standards and guidelines that have been developed by international organizations and by federal environmental regulatory authorities of the United States and that are applicable to such projects. OPIC applies guidelines and standards established by the World Bank Group and other similar international organizations. The web site links to these relevant guidelines are attached to this letter.

According to the documentation submitted by Energía del Pacífico, the major environmental issues associated with the Project include the need for appropriate health and safety measures and a robust environmental and social management system for day-to-day aspects of construction and operations including potential hazards associated with a liquefied natural gas (LNG) floating storage and regasification (FSRU) facility; subsea natural gas pipeline; thermal power plant air emissions impacts to ambient air quality; noise; water usage and effluent disposal; waste disposal; working at heights with electric and magnetic fields; and appropriate measures to protect marine and terrestrial biodiversity.

Our analysis confirms that the Project has been designed to minimize social and environmental impacts. The Project will use internationally accepted environmental and social management practices to mitigate potential impacts to acceptable levels. Based on information provided by



Energía del Pacífico, the Project will be properly managed so that it does not pose a significant hazard to the environment, public health, and safety.

We understand, of course, that the Project will be subject to the laws of El Salvador with regard to protection of the environment, public health, and safety.

If you have any questions about OPIC's environmental and social assessment of this Project, you may contact Mary Boomgard, Managing Director, Environmental Impact Analysis Group, at the below address or at [Mary.Boomgard@opic.gov](mailto:Mary.Boomgard@opic.gov).

Respectfully yours,

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Attachment



## Applicable U.S. and International Standards and Guidelines

- (1) International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards:  
[http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/115482804a0255db96fbffd1a5d13d27/PS\\_English\\_2012\\_Full-Document.pdf?MOD=AJPERES](http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/115482804a0255db96fbffd1a5d13d27/PS_English_2012_Full-Document.pdf?MOD=AJPERES)
- (2) International Finance Corporation's General Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines:  
<http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/554e8d80488658e4b76af76a6515bb18/Final%2B-%2BGeneral%2BEHS%2BGuidelines.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>
- (3) International Finance Corporation's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Electric Power Transmission and Distribution:  
<https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/7b65ce6b-129d-4634-99dc-12f85c0674b3/Final%2B-%2BElectric%2BTransmission%2Band%2BDistribution.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=jqeI4Rs&id=1323162154847>
- (4) International Finance Corporation's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Thermal Power Plants:  
[https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/f82a5f06-f3f7-4033-8ea6-b767523cda8e/FINAL\\_Thermal%2BPower.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=jqeD9Eg&id=1323162579734](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/f82a5f06-f3f7-4033-8ea6-b767523cda8e/FINAL_Thermal%2BPower.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=jqeD9Eg&id=1323162579734)
- (5) International Finance Corporation's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Ports, Harbors and Terminals:  
[https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/ddfac751-6220-48e1-9f1b-465654445c18/20170201-FINAL\\_EHS+Guidelines+for+Ports+Harbors+and+Terminals.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=ID.CzO9](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/ddfac751-6220-48e1-9f1b-465654445c18/20170201-FINAL_EHS+Guidelines+for+Ports+Harbors+and+Terminals.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=ID.CzO9)
- (6) International Finance Corporation's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Gas Distribution Systems:  
<https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/88f41d8f-bd85-4535-a689-066d41b7ee29/Final%2B-%2BGas%2BDistribution%2BSystems.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=jqezuZM&id=1323162128496>
- (7) International Finance Corporation's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Offshore Oil and Gas Developments:  
[https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/e2a72e1b-4427-4155-aa8f-c660ce3f2cd5/FINAL\\_Jun+2015\\_Offshore+Oil+and+Gas\\_EHS+Guideline.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=kU7RMJ6](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/e2a72e1b-4427-4155-aa8f-c660ce3f2cd5/FINAL_Jun+2015_Offshore+Oil+and+Gas_EHS+Guideline.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=kU7RMJ6)
- (8) International Finance Corporation's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for LNG Facilities:  
[https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/ab72db72-736a-43e7-8c81-f2d749ec3ad1/20170406-FINAL+LNG+EHS+Guideline\\_April+2017.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=lJuCgVs](https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/ab72db72-736a-43e7-8c81-f2d749ec3ad1/20170406-FINAL+LNG+EHS+Guideline_April+2017.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=lJuCgVs)