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Subject: RE: QUESTIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL LNG TANKER TRANSITS IN
NARRAGANSETT BAY

Good morning Ms. Brush,

With response to your question "You say that "the Coast Guard will notify our federal, state, and local stakeholder officials of LNG deliveries as we become aware of the arrival schedule, which is at least 96 hours before each vessel's arrival" and that you normally notify the public an hour in advance. Once the Coast Guard has notified federal, state, and local officials, can state and local officials take it upon themselves, if they wish, to notify the public immediately?"

The Coast Guard's answer is: Information regarding LNG delivery schedules that may be passed to our law enforcement and public safety partners would be considered Sensitive Security Information (SSI), and would be available only to those with a "need to know" as determined by the Coast Guard. Those agencies receiving Sensitive Security Information have committed to respect the confidentiality of the information and limit its dissemination only to appropriate individuals within their respective organizations. Passing this information to the public would not be consistent with the SSI designation attached to LNG delivery schedules, and to be honest would be of limited value. Organizations that sponsor marine events, such as sailing races and regattas, who may be impacted by an LNG transit would be notified in advance as well. Sponsors of these events, such as yacht clubs and sailing schools, notify the Coast Guard in advance of their activities and their schedules through the Coast Guard's Marine Event permitting process. The Coast Guard reviews all scheduled events and actively manages competing uses of the waterway to help ensure all activities take place safely. In other words, an LNG vessel's transit could be adjusted to allow a marine event to take place, or the marine event sponsor could be asked to consider adjusting its schedule and/or location. The marine transportation system is proactively managed in a way that is coordinated by the Coast Guard, and involves many stakeholder groups. Again, this would be the same process currently followed for LPG deliveries into Narragansett Bay.

Hope this helps. Feel free to contact me with additional questions or concerns.

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