

## COVE POINT CONNECTION

Community Newsletter – August 2016

### Information and Contacting Us

Thank you for your interest in the Dominion Cove Point liquefaction project. This is the fifth issue of our informative newsletter produced for the local community and those interested in project progress and updates. The newsletter will be published quarterly and contain project information such as milestone highlights, construction updates and notification about potential impacts to the public.

To contact us about the project, please send an email to [CovePoint@dom.com](mailto:CovePoint@dom.com) or leave a detailed message on our voice-mail system 410-286-5757. Messages are checked on a regular basis because your questions and concerns are important to us.

### Heavy Haul Update

Heavy haul activity and barge deliveries of large equipment will resume this month and complete by the end of this year. Of 77 scheduled heavy hauls, 70 have been completed. The barge deliveries also are close to completion, with 31 of 35 finished.

The Calvert County Sheriff, Maryland State Police, State Highway Administration and emergency management continue to work together to ensure the safety of the public during these nighttime heavy hauls.

Truck traffic on Cove Point Road continues to support deliveries of steel, piping, prefabricated structures and electrical and mechanical equipment. Additional, small deliveries come in periodically. We monitor traffic conditions on Cove Point Road and adjust truck delivery schedules to minimize our impact during peak traffic times.

When the last of the barges has been delivered, the temporary pier located at Offsite Area B in Solomons will be dismantled and that site will be restored to its pre-project condition.



### Offsite Area B, Solomons

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) approved Dominion's plan for mitigating the project's potential impact on the oyster bar in the Patuxent River adjacent to Offsite Area B and the temporary pier. Dominion funded an MDNR survey of the oyster bar before construction began. A second survey was done while the pier is in use. A final survey will be done after the temporary pier has been removed.

After the pier has been removed, Dominion will restore at least four acres of oyster bar. That is at least twice the anticipated maximum impact from the work at the temporary pier.

### Mosquito control, the natural way

Mosquito-larvae eating minnows have been hard at work since June in sediment basins around the Terminal and Off-Site Area A locations. These small fish are an environmentally safe and preventive solution to mosquito infestations that could take place in our construction zones. Our project's environmental team deployed the fish.

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The fish eat mosquito larvae before they mature into adults that are not only annoying but also a distraction for anyone focused on working safely.

A native species to the Chesapeake Bay, these mosquito minnows are able to tolerate possible overcrowding that may take place in the basins, and they thrive in less than ideal water conditions. Considering that mosquitoes need just a small amount of standing water to lay their eggs, these minnows are ideal for the work.

### Construction Remains on Schedule

The liquefaction project is progressing on schedule for completion in the fourth quarter of 2017. Engineering and the procurement of engineered equipment are essentially complete and the overall project stands at 68% complete.



**Aerial photo of Terminal site, July 2016**

The project workforce includes more than 550 IHI/Kiewit staff members, more than 1,500 craft employees and almost 500 subcontractors. The number of craft workers is expected to reach its highest at 1,600 at the end of October. Hundreds are from the southern Maryland community.

### Artificial Reef to Receive Cove Point Material

Clean, weathered concrete from the liquefaction construction project soon will be deployed to an artificial reef east of Solomons Island.

Cedar Point Artificial Reef is located in the Chesapeake Bay at the confluence of the Patuxent River. It will receive six barge deliveries of material beginning this month and ending in October. The concrete came from the demolition of structures at the terminal and has been weathered and cut into manageable pieces for transport and deployment.



**Concrete from demolition activities was delivered to Taylor's Island Reef, another artificial reef northeast of the offshore platform, in 2015.**

Plans call for underwater examination of the reef this winter to check the ecological effect of the additional material.

Dominion's objective is to support the Maryland Artificial Reef Initiative (MARI) goal of enhancing habitat for fish and benthic organisms associated with reefs, increasing reef biological carrying capacity, enhancing biological diversity, increasing fish populations, and providing sustainable fishing opportunities.