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## **ACCELERATING LNG EXPORTS IS INCONSISTENT WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP'S "AMERICA FIRST" PLEDGE**

WASHINGTON – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) today responded in a [letter](#) to Secretary Rick Perry at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to misleading claims made by the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG). The CLNG letter voices strong support for expedited approval of DOE reviews of all pending LNG export permits to FTA and non-FTA countries.

“The information provided by CLNG to Secretary Perry is misleading and their position on accelerating LNG exports is inconsistent with President Trump’s ‘America First’ pledge and the desire to build a sustainable manufacturing sector with growing middle class jobs. Instead of a focus on LNG exports, U.S. natural gas policy should focus on how to use natural gas to maximize job growth. The continued growth of LNG exports does not maximize American jobs or economic growth. We urge the Secretary to establish a moratorium on further LNG exports until the definition of ‘public interest’ is fully explored, vetted, and agreed upon,” said Paul N. Cicio, President of IECA.

The IECA letter to Secretary Perry makes the following key points:

- The EIA AEO 2017 net natural gas demand, plus already approved LNG application volumes to export to FTA countries, would consume about 80 percent of U.S. technically recoverable natural gas resources by 2050.
- The EIA AEO 2017 net natural gas demand from 2016 to 2050, which includes only 4.4 Tcf of LNG exports by 2050, would consume all of the U.S. low-cost shale natural gas resources.
- Shipments of LNG to countries that do not have a U.S. FTA undermine fair trade bilateral agreements and should not be rewarded.

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