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Proposed Clarification of Clean Water Act Praised by NGSA and Center for LNG

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) and the Center for LNG (CLNG) today released the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed modernization of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

NGSA President and CEO Dena Wiggins introduced EPA Administrator Wheeler at the National Association of Manufacturers Council of Manufacturing Associations’ conference, where he announced the proposed change this morning.

Wiggins said:

“This is a welcome and valuable clarification to the part of the Clean Water Act that outlines states’ participation in the certification process. This proposal should restore Section 401 certification to its intended purpose of ensuring water quality while enabling the development of critical infrastructure.

“Clearly establishing a very reasonable one-year deadline for states to act on water quality concerns related to project permits reaffirms states’ roles while helping to prevent instances where states have misused the certification process as a political tool to indefinitely delay or block a much-needed project. The regulatory change will enhance the predictability and efficiency of the permitting process for interstate natural gas pipelines and will allow states and federal authorities to do their jobs of protecting water quality.”

Center for LNG Executive Director Charlie Riedl said:

“We commend EPA for working to fix the parts of the state water certification process that were broken without compromising on environmental standards. We think this proposed change will provide greater clarity and certainty to the process of permitting LNG facilities and infrastructure.”

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Founded in 1965, NGSA is the only national trade association that solely focuses on producer-marketer issues related to the downstream natural gas industry. For more information, please visit www.ngsa.org.

The Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG) advocates for public policies that advance the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the United States, and its export internationally. A committee of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), CLNG represents the full value chain, including LNG producers, shippers, terminal operators and developers. For more information, please visit www.lngfacts.org.

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