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Cabrillo Port LNG: Project Review and Permitting Timeline

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Date	Event [Estimated dates in <i>italics</i> ; Action Items in bold]
3/13/06	Release of revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
3/8/06	Release of Clean Air Act (CAA) General Conformity analysis
4/15/06	End of CAA General Conformity analysis comment period
4/17-19/06	DEIR hearings
4/21/06	Release of draft NPDES (water discharge) Permit
5/4/06	Release of draft Air Permit
5/12/06	End of DEIR comment period
5/23/06	EPA hearing re NPDES permit
6/5/06	EPA hearing re Air Permit
8/3/06	End of comment period for Air Permit
9/22/06	Release of Modified NPDES (water discharge) Permit; Announcement of extension of NPDES comment period
10/23/06	End of extended comment period for Modified NPDES Permit
11/06	<i>Release of Final EIS/EIR</i>
12/06	State Lands Commission (SLC) hearing re: EIR certification, lease¹
12/06	<i>US Coast Guard hearing; triggers 45 day deadline for Governor to approve or deny the project.</i>
1/07	Coastal Commission hearing re: Coastal Development Permit (CDP), Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency²
1/07	Governor transmits approval or denial (45 days after last Federal hearing)³
??	Federal decision on approval of EIS, issuance of license
??	Final decisions on air and water permits; NPDES permit may be appealed within 33 days to Environmental Appeals Board

1 / If the SLC does not grant the lease, the project cannot proceed.

2 / If the Coastal Commission does not grant the permit, the project cannot proceed. In addition, if the Commission objects to the project, the federal government may not issue the license. BHP would then have to file an appeal with the Secretary of Commerce to overturn the Coastal Commission decision.

3 / If the Governor vetoes the project, it cannot be approved by the federal government.