

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9338
OFFERED BY MR. FRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 12. CLARIFICATION OF LNG FACILITY OVERSIGHT.

2 (a) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—Not later than 1
3 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
4 of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of
5 the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administra-
6 tion, shall coordinate with the Federal Energy Regulatory
7 Commission, the United States Coast Guard, the Occupa-
8 tional Safety and Health Administration, and any other
9 relevant Federal agency to clarify the respective roles and
10 responsibilities of each agency with respect to the safety
11 oversight of natural gas pipeline facilities, liquefied nat-
12 ural gas facilities, marine transfer areas, and related
13 equipment.

14 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—As a re-
15 sult of the coordination under subsection (a), the Sec-
16 retary of Transportation, acting through the Adminis-
17 trator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Ad-
18 ministration, shall enter into a memorandum of under-
19 standing with the agencies described in such subsection
20 that—

1 (1) maps the roles and responsibilities of each
2 agency for the stages of transportation, transfer, liq-
3 uefaction, storage, and loading;

4 (2) designates, for each stage, a lead coordi-
5 nating agency for safety oversight and compliance
6 communication, without limiting the authorities of
7 other agencies;

8 (3) establishes a process to reduce duplicative
9 inspections and avoid conflicting requirements; and

10 (4) identifies a single point of contact for regu-
11 lated entities seeking guidance.

12 (c) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Transportation,
13 acting through the Administrator of the Pipeline and Haz-
14 ardous Materials Safety Administration, and the other
15 agencies that enter into the memorandum of under-
16 standing under subsection (b) shall jointly issue and pub-
17 lish, in the Federal Register and on the respective websites
18 of the agencies, guidance that is consistent with such
19 memorandum of understanding.

20 (d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
21 the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Ad-
22 ministrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safe-
23 ty Administration, shall consult with State authorities that
24 participate in pipeline safety programs pursuant to section

1 60105 of title 49, United States Code, and with other
2 stakeholders as appropriate.

3 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
4 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of Transportation, acting through the Adminis-
6 trator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Ad-
7 ministration, shall submit to the Committee on Energy
8 and Commerce and the Committee on Transportation and
9 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the
10 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
11 the Senate a report describing—

12 (1) the lead coordinating agency designated for
13 each stage pursuant to subsection (b)(2);

14 (2) the process established and steps taken to
15 reduce duplicative inspections and resolve conflicting
16 requirements pursuant to subsection (b)(3); and

17 (3) metrics demonstrating improved efficiency
18 and clarity for regulated entities.

