



OFFICE OF ENERGY TRANSFORMATION: WEBINAR ON TRANSITIONING AWAY FROM RELIANCE ON THE EVERETT MARINE TERMINAL LNG FACILITY

To join the Transitioning Away from Reliance on the Everett Marine Terminal Liquified Natural Gas Facility informational webinar on November 4th from 9am to 11:00am, please register [here](#)

Background on the Office of Energy Transformation

The [Office of Energy Transformation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts \(OET\)](#) launched on May 1, 2024.

On July 3, 2024, the OET announced it was establishing an [Energy Transformation Advisory Board](#) (Advisory Board) to provide strategic advice and counsel to the work of OET and govern the work of three Focus Area Work Groups: [1\) Decarbonizing the peak, 2\) Transitioning away from reliance on the Everett Marine Terminal Liquified Natural Gas facility, and 3\) Financing the transition.](#)

Each Focus Area Work Group will be open to and comprised of parties interested in engaging in efforts to enable and accelerate a just and equitable clean energy transition. The **Transitioning Away from Reliance on the Everett Marine Terminal (EMT) Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Facility** will launch November 4th with an [informational webinar](#).

Overview of Transitioning Away from Reliance on the EMT LNG Facility

The Everett Marine Terminal imports LNG and supports Massachusetts and the New England region by helping to meet energy needs on the coldest of days or if there is a disruption elsewhere in the system. It is one of the longest operating LNG facilities in the United States. The state's three largest gas utilities executed contracts to maintain the use of the facility until 2030. In its order approving the contracts, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) required that the utilities establish plans to move beyond reliance on fossil fuel infrastructure and natural gas, including the EMT LNG facility, and expeditiously toward electrification and other alternatives, like geothermal. This Focus Area Work Group will convene stakeholders to develop a coordinated strategy to reduce and ultimately eliminate the local gas distribution companies' reliance on the EMT LNG facility, aligned with DPU Order 20-80 and the state's climate and clean energy mandates, including those established in the *Global Warming Solutions Act*.

Transitioning Away from Reliance on the EMT LNG Facility Focus Area Work Group Timing, Process and Participation

The Transitioning Away from Reliance on the EMT LNG Facility Focus Area Work Group is launching with an informational webinar that will provide an overview of:



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- The function and purview of the Focus Area Work Group and its relationship to OET, the Advisory Board, and the other focus areas.
- The scope of work this Focus Area Work Group will undertake.
- How organizations and individuals can participate in this Focus Area Work Group.
- The expectations of Focus Area Work Group participants.
- How the Focus Area Work Group recommendations will be shared with the OET and Advisory Board.

The webinar will be **conducted virtually. Those interested in joining the Transitioning Away from Reliance on the EMT LNG Facility informational webinar can register [here](#).** Registrants will receive a meeting participation link prior to the meeting.

Recordings of the Transitioning Away from Reliance on the EMT LNG Facility webinar will be posted on the OET's website within seven days of the webinar.

The days and times of the other two Focus Area Work Group webinars will be announced shortly and posted on the OET website. For questions about the Focus Area Work Group webinar series or other efforts of the OET, please email energytransformation@mass.gov