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Dear Ms. Allen:

I am writing in response to your letter to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, received January 12, 2022. While I understand your organization's concerns with the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG), I want to ensure that you have current information on the shipment of LNG through Port Everglades.

New Fortress Energy (NFE) began LNG shipments through the port in 40-foot ISO containers in 2016. The LNG shipments are transported in double-walled, vacuum insulated tanks and cargo tank trailers exclusively by truck, not rail. See photo below. These shipments originate from a permitted LNG liquefaction plant located on a portion of the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) Railyard in Hialeah and are approved for export by the U.S. Department of Energy. The United States Coast Guard has regulatory oversight for these movements through the Port and has approved NFE's landside security and vessel transport plans.



The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Fire Rescue Department, the agency primarily responsible for emergency response to petroleum-based and shipboard fires in Port Everglades, has reviewed and approved the facility storage plans for these ISO containers while they are inside the Port and checks the facility weekly. In addition, BSO Station 6 is located within Port Everglades, and their staff is familiar with the properties of LNG and has trained to respond to any LNG-related incidents.

I believe that your reference to NFE plans to increase the amount of LNG they're exporting through Port Everglades was in reference to the expansion that occurred at the end of October 2021, when NFE increased the number of ISO containers shipped weekly to the Caribbean from an average of thirteen to thirty. This increase was enabled by the addition of a new ship converted to transport ISO containers, which has a maximum capacity of about 30 forty-foot ISO containers.

I hope my explanation about LNG handling at Port Everglades helps alleviate your concerns about safety and plans to increase container volumes in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Jonathan T. Daniels  
Chief Executive & Port Director