

Project SEAMIST (South-East Area Maritime Industry Safety Training)

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**Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
Training for the Maritime
Community**

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WHAT IS LNG?



WHY LNG?

... as opposed to Diesel, Marine Diesel Oil/Marine Gas Oil

- ▶ 100% decrease in Sulfur oxides (conventional pollutants)
- ▶ 90% decrease in Nitrogen oxides (conventional pollutants)
- ▶ 20% decrease in Carbon Dioxide
- ▶ 100% decrease in particulate matter
- ▶ Cost for LNG is 25-30% cheaper for the same energy delivered
- ▶ January 2020, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) began requiring ships to use fuel with a maximum sulfur content of 0.5% or require a costly sulfur scrubbing system to meet the requirements.

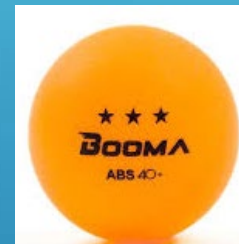
LNG Production

- ▶ **The primary source of LNG is natural gas extracted from underground reserves, both onshore and offshore**

- ▶ **LNG can also be produced from biogas generated by organic waste such as:**
 - **food scraps,**
 - **agricultural waste,**
 - **manure,**
 - **and sewage sludge.**

LNG Production and Risks

- ▶ requires the use of heavy hydrocarbon chemicals.
- ▶ The gas is cleaned, chilled and condensed into a volume 600x smaller than it started.



Danger: A leak of those chemicals can form a so-called vapor cloud of hydrocarbons — compounds that are denser than the surrounding air and hug the ground like a fine mist. These clouds can even form outdoors if the wind is still. And vapor clouds will explode if ignited.

LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

- ▶ Deriving LNG from landfill gas is experimental
 - ▶ A landfill in California is producing 13,000 gallons of LNG per day
 - ▶ This LNG is being utilized to operate collection vehicles
- ▶ LNG is the dominant fuel in the industrial sector providing approximately 40% of the energy necessary for production of:
 - ▶ Paper, metal, chemicals, petroleum, stone, clay, glass, clothing and food processing,
- ▶ LNG is also being utilized for heavy duty fleet operations

LNG Storage

- 21 LNG Ports Worldwide
- The United States has several LNG ports, primarily located along the Gulf Coast and the East Coast

Port Canaveral: home to North America's first LNG cruise port. It has facilities for LNG bunkering and serves as a fueling station for LNG-powered cruise ships

Port Miami and Port Tampa: handles and receives LNG delivered by truck or rail, which can then be loaded onto container ships or oceangoing carriers for export

Jacksonville Port Authority: on-dock and near-dock LNG fueling capabilities

LNG TRANSPORTATION



Potential Risks and Health Concerns

Handling LNG involves working with extremely cold temperatures (-260°F) and highly flammable materials

- ▶ **Asphyxiation-** in closed or confined spaces LNG vapors can displace oxygen, and may contain impurities like hydrogen sulfide or ammonia which are **toxic** and can pose health risks
- ▶ **Vapor Cloud Explosions (VCE):** A release of LNG vapor can form a flammable cloud that, if ignited, can result in a powerful explosion
- ▶ **RAPID PHASE TRANSITION-** LNG can rapidly transition from liquid to gas if exposed to higher temperatures, leading to pressure build-up and potential hazards

Need for Training for the Maritime Community



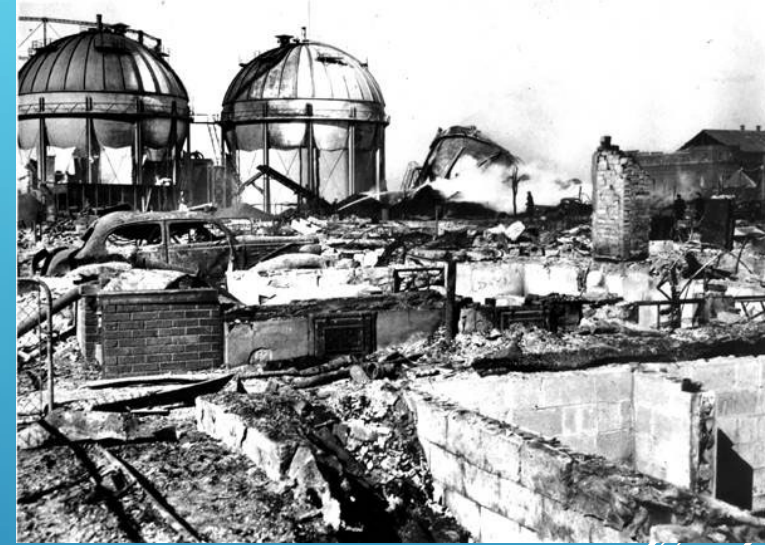
Major U.S. Incidents involving LNG

Cleveland Ohio- 1944, one of the first LNG facilities failed
Killed 128; injured over 200

Plymouth, Washington- 2014, significant incident at the plant resulted in \$45 million in damages

Southern California- 2015, massive methane leak at the storage facility led to the displacement of thousands of residents

Freeport, Texas- 2022, an explosion and fire shot down 1/5 of the country's LNG export capacity



CURRENT USE OF LNG



- ▶ 39 cruise ships to enter service utilizing LNG between now and 2025

- ▶ NOT ALL FLORIDA BASED

- ▶ **Cruise lines**

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| ▶ Aida | Costa | Ponent |
| ▶ Carnival | P&O | Disney |
| ▶ MSC | Silversea | Royal Caribbean |
| ▶ Princess | TUI | |

- ▶ As of January 2024, over 1000 ships were operational, or on the global orderbook that utilize LNG.

- ▶ Many ships also fitted to utilize other advanced fuels



CURRENT USE OF LNG

- Space X
- Blue Origin
- Relativity Space
- United Launch Alliance

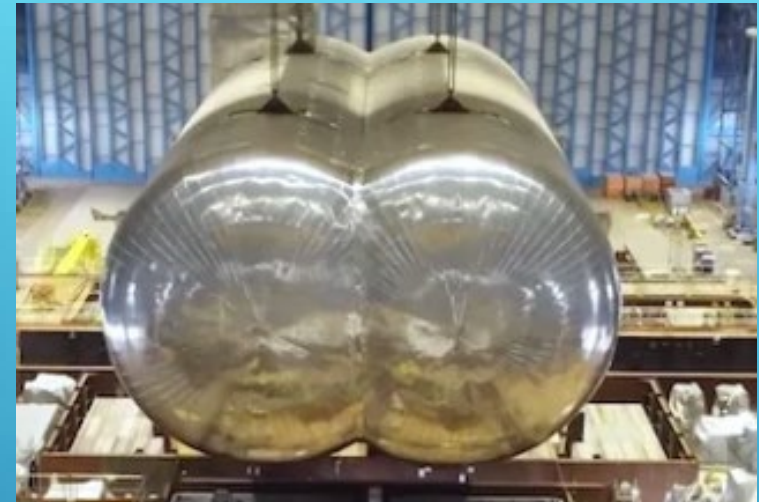


LNG FUTURE NEED

- ▶ Anticipation that global LNG production capacity will grow by roughly 193 MTPA (Metric Tons per Annum) from 2024 through 2028, rising from
 - ▶ Approximately 474 MTPA of capacity at the beginning of this year.
 - ▶ To 666.5 MTPA by the end of 2028.
- ▶ This will be the fastest capacity growth in the global LNG industry's brief history, **representing a 40% increase in just 5 years**

Not without controversy

- ▶ Icon of the seas was the first to get 307-Ton LNG Fuel Tank Installed- January 2024
- ▶ Methane Slip
- ▶ Emit more greenhouse gas emissions
- ▶ Concern for climate change and global warming



Key Differences in LNG

Fire protection

- ▶ **Use of water for extinguishment is ineffective**
 - ▶ Water may be used to direct vapor to safe areas
- ▶ **Use of dry chemical extinguishers is highly effective** in extinguishment
- ▶ Use of high expansion foam is effective in vapor suppression until vapor can be safely disbursed.



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