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Massive Petrochemical Industrialization Begins at the Port of Brownsville After a Nine Year Delay Next Decade Secures Funding To Make Final Investment Decision The Largest Stationary Source of Air Pollution in the RGV Puts Port Isabel, Laguna Vista, Laguna Heights and SPI At The Epicenter of Hazard!

For everyone except Next Decade shareholders, and denialists who think massive petrochemical industrialization in the Rio Grande Valley is a good thing, today is a sad day. Next Decade has announced it has secured funding for its Rio Grande Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal adjacent to the City of Port Isabel and is now ready to begin construction.

Save RGV has adamantly opposed this project since 2014. That opposition has not waned. Now more than ever, we stand by our contention that this will be the largest stationary source of air pollution in the Rio Grande Valley, and will pose more risk of fires and explosions than our communities have ever been subjected to in the history of the RGV. In the next 3-5 years this terminal will convert 2 miles of untouched and undeveloped natural brush, prairie, wetlands, marine nursery and habitat, into concrete, steel, storage landscapes for twelve-story methane ground tanks, jet engine compressors, 24/7 methane flare stacks, lights, and noise. Once operational, it will convert our ship channel, Laguna Madre, and Gulf into a constant ingress and egress of methane loaded tankers, which in turn will irreparably harm our nature, fishing and beach tourism. It will spew hundreds of tons of carbon into our atmosphere for the next 30-50 years.

We have once again become one more sacrifice zone for the petrochemical industry.

Save RGV will continue to fight for our health, our safety, our natural areas, and our climate.