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## **CLNG: U.S. Sandia Labs LNG Analysis Will Contribute to Nation's Energy Dialogue**

Washington, D.C. -- The following is a statement from CLNG Executive Director Richard Sharples in response to the release today of a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) risks analysis from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Sandia National Laboratory:

"The Center for LNG will be reviewing and providing comments to DOE on specific elements of the Sandia study, but we nonetheless appreciate the department's contribution to enhancing public understanding of any potential risks associated with LNG shipping. As our industry responds to the nation's call for cost-competitive and clean-burning natural gas, this analysis will help continue to ensure that appropriate safety and security procedures and measures are in place to manage those risks.

"Throughout the nearly 40-year history of the LNG operations worldwide and more than 35,000 cargo deliveries, there have been no significant releases of LNG related to a breach or failure of a cargo tank. The multiple layers of protection built into LNG carriers, the industry's high operational standards, the high degree of regulatory oversight, and the remarkable safety record of LNG carriers are important considerations when it comes to making real assessments about the low probability of occurrence.

"During the next several weeks, CLNG will undertake an in-depth review of the Sandia study. CLNG and its member companies are committed to working closely with DOE and other agencies to ensure safe and secure LNG operations, identify additional research needs, and share industry expertise and technical advances."

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*CLNG a coalition of LNG producers, shippers, terminal operators and developers, energy trade associations and natural gas consumers. Its goal is to enhance public education and understanding about LNG by serving as a clearinghouse for LNG information.*