

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) four members from the scientific, environmental, and energy communities, jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

(2) the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, or the Chairman's designee;

(3) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the Director's designee;

(6) three members nominated by the Senator representing the Maryland legislative district in which the proposed liquefied natural gas facility in eastern Baltimore County is proposed to be sited, subject to approval of the President of the Senate; and

(7) three members nominated by the Delegates representing the Maryland legislative district in which the proposed liquefied natural gas facility in eastern Baltimore County is proposed to be sited, subject to approval of the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(c) The Task Force shall elect the chair of the Task Force from among its members.

(d) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall study:

(1) the risks and hazards of a liquefied natural gas production, storage, or regasification facility;

(2) the kind and use of the proposed production, storage, or regasification facility;

(3) the current and projected population and demographic characteristics of the location of the proposed production, storage, or regasification facility;

(4) the current and proposed land use near the location of the proposed production, storage, or regasification facility;

(5) the natural and physical aspects of the proposed location;