My review considered all the information provided on the Environmental Evaluation to determine the completeness in addressing the necessary elements to adequately satisfy NEPA as prepared by the Texas Gulf Terminals Incorporated. Although the TGTI application is a request for a license to own, construct and operate a deepwater port, the environmental evaluation section of the application would require necessary elements missing to be considered a Draft EIS. The missing elements are pointed out from the comments below.

Cover Sheet

The cover letter attached to the Texas Gulf Terminals Incorporated project application for a deepwater port license did not identify the document as a draft EIS, FEIS or EA. It did not include a list of responsible agencies and/or cooperating agencies. The Environmental Evaluation of the TGTI application is not referenced as a substitute for a specific document. Recommend that the U.S. Coast Guard obtain a proposed draft EIS from the from the applicant.

Summary – The Environmental Evaluation does not provide a summary of a Draft EIS

1.0 Purpose and Need

The Applicant proposes to construct the proposed Texas Gulf Terminals Project to allow for the loading of VLCCs at the proposed DWP via a single point mooring (SPM) buoy system. The construction and operation of the proposed project would fulfill the need for a safe, efficient, and cost-effective logistical solution for the export of crude oil from the U.S. to support the continued economic growth of the U.S. The proposed project allows for the fulfillment of the purpose and need while meeting the environmental and Project objectives which serve as the basis for considerations throughout the alternatives analysis process.

2.0 Alternatives including proposed action and no action alternative

The Environmental Evaluation section of the Texas Gulf Terminals Incorporated (TGTI) project application addresses five tiers of alternatives describing different buoy anchoring designs, port locations, pipeline design, state location(s). The no action is another alternative was document. All five tiers of alternatives are evaluated in detail

3.0 Affected Environment

A number of affected environments is described in the Environmental evaluation which included Wetlands, Coastal Zones, Inshore and Offshore aquifers, Cultural Resources, Endangered Species, meteorology, air quality, noise, navigation and navigation safety, Environmental Justice.

4.0 Environmental Consequences

Environmental consequences were covered in the preferred, no action and the 5-tier of alternatives.

5.0 List of Preparers

A list of preparers is included in Section 15 of the Environmental Evaluation.

6.0 List of Agencies, Organizations, & Persons to Whom Copies of the Statement Are Sent

Since the Environmental Evaluation of the TGTI application is not referenced as an Environmental Impact Statement, the document is not required to have a list of agencies, organizations and individuals for the evaluation.