

VENTURE GLOBAL ISSUES IN LOUISIANA

OVERVIEW

Venture Global (VG) has shown it is unable to manage even one liquified natural gas (LNG) facility without constant problems ([‘22](#), [‘23](#), and [‘24](#)). The company’s troubled track record at its Calcasieu Pass facility in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, where consistent accidents, equipment malfunctions, flaring, and emissions violations evidence significant mismanagement and operational failures.

The Calcasieu Pass (CP) facility is a 432 acre liquified natural gas (LNG) export facility in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, south of the city of Lake Charles.

LEGAL DISPUTES

- [Pending arbitration claims against VG - stemming from its CP plant in Louisiana - have grown to nearly \\$6bn](#) and involve eight companies, some oil majors.
 - [Shell says Venture Global 'wrongfully earned' \\$3.5 bil from Calcasieu Pass LNG commissioning delay](#)
- VG is currently involved in a range of other disputes related to the CP facility:
 - [BP filed a complaint](#) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) against Venture Global LNG, alleging that the company is not being transparent about the status of the plant.
 - Fishermen in Cameron Parish have filed lawsuits and petitions to federal regulators and in court.

OPERATIONS

2024

- April – Cameron Parish residents expressed concerns when they reported and [documented](#) flaring coming from the facility for over 95 hours straight. The company is only permitted for 60 hours of flaring per year.

- September – Residents near Venture Global’s Calcasieu Pass (CP) gas export facility again [documented](#) excessive high flaring for weeks, signaling ongoing operational problems at the facility.
- Despite guarantees that issues would be remedied in 2022 and then again in 2023, CP is on track to repeat excessive violations and patterns of substandard reporting in 2024.

2023

- **In the first half of 2023, CP recorded problems on at least 63% of days in operation (115 out of 181 days).**
 - A [report](#) on CP’s operations in the first 6 months of 2023 showed recurring incidents of equipment malfunctions and permit violations, near-constant flaring, and a pattern of emission exceedances – all of which the company underreported (when compared with community members’ documentation of the facility).
 - [Documentation](#) from Cameron Parish residents showed flaring on 71 separate days in the first half of 2023 - Venture Global failed to report any problems for 34 of these days.
 - Neighbors documented at least 7 days where CP was flaring the entire day, with no explanation from VG as to the cause or what was emitted.
- Venture Global failed to file legally required letters to the state of Louisiana about its accidents within seven days of each accident and failed to provide thorough information in its required Semiannual Monitoring Report for the first half of 2023.
- In a March 2023 filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Venture Global pointed to the facility’s modular construction as the reason for problems with its on-site power generation units and the resulting pollution. According to public statements, Venture Global plans to use the same process in its other facilities. Also in March 2023, Venture Global had to [delay operations at Calcasieu Pass due to a malfunction that required repair](#).
- In June 2023, [the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality \(LDEQ\) issued a Compliance Order and Notice of Potential Penalty \(CONPP\) to Calcasieu Pass LNG](#). The agency cited Venture Global for numerous failures to abide by the terms of its permit, as well as State of Louisiana statutes. Not only was the facility consistently exceeding its emission limits, it also failed to report accidents as required by law.

2022

- On January 18, 2022, the day before it began exporting LNG, the facility released 180,099 pounds of gas from a storage tank in an accident it **determined** "could have been prevented" if it had followed established procedures.
- **VG admitted that CP had over 2,000 permit violations in its first year.**
 - The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality issued a [compliance order](#) against Venture Global for its permit violations at CP for incidents in 2022. The results of that order are pending.
- Venture Global's own reports to the state detailed violations:
 - [Semiannual Monitoring Report \(01/01/2022 - 06/30/2022\)](#)
 - [Semiannual Monitoring Report \(07/01/2022 - 12/31/2022\)](#)
- Residents documented flaring – an emergency means of burning off waste gas – at the facility 84 out of 90 days between January 27 and April 27, 2022.
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- Venture Global submitted its [Title V Semiannual Monitoring report](#) on operations in the second half of 2022. The revised **report showed over twice as many permit violations than had been previously reported AND showed that CP was out of compliance for 286 of 343 days in operation – or 83% of its operational time during the year.**