

National Grid's LNG terminal welcomes two 'firsts' in one week

- UK's first cargos from Peru and the Dominican Republic arrive into National Grid's Isle of Grain LNG terminal
- Gas supplies from more diverse sources strengthens UK energy security

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National Grid's Grain LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal in Kent has welcomed the UK's first ever cargos from Peru and the Dominican Republic.

Grain, the largest LNG terminal in the UK and eighth largest globally, welcomed vessels from the Dominican Republic on Friday 24th February and Peru just eight days later, on Saturday 4th March.

Simon Culkin, terminal manager at Grain LNG, said: "The arrivals we have seen at Grain this week reinforce our belief that we're the leading LNG import terminal in terms of attracting a diverse mix of gas supplies from all over the world. Grain has the most extensive gas blending facility in Europe, which enables the terminal to process LNG which would normally be outside of the UK's gas specification."

"LNG imports are becoming more and more vital to the UK energy mix, particularly as we see a decline in North Sea production. Secure and affordable gas supplies from multiple sources will be increasingly important, particularly in the gas-to-power sector, following the government's announcement to withdraw from coal-fired generation by 2025 and the phase out of all current nuclear power stations by 2030."

Simon added: "This is also good news for UK energy users. The UK currently imports gas from continental Europe and via LNG primarily from Qatar. A more diverse supply of LNG, for example from North and South America, will support the development of a more secure and competitive gas market."

 LNG vessel

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Significant environmental and air quality benefits compared to other fossil fuels include; • 20% reduction in CO2 • 90% reduction in particulates • 35% reduction in NOx (Nitrous oxides) • 50% reduction in noise pollution

Grain LNG

National Grid's Grain terminal is the largest in the EU, by tank capacity, 1,000,000m³. Grain can deliver up to 20% of UK gas demand each year. Planned expansion includes increased capacity, break-bulk and trans-shipment services. The terminal stores equivalent energy to supply 427,500 UK homes for a year. Prior to 2005 there was a British Petroleum oil refinery on the current site. Grain was a favourite departure point for Queen Victoria when she travelled abroad.

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