

## Our Project Newsletter to Stakeholders

Golden Triangle Storage, LLC (GTS) is pleased to provide you with the first newsletter for the Spindletop Expansion Project as part of our commitment to keep stakeholders informed.

# ABOUT THE SPINDLETOP EXPANSION PROJECT

## *What is Being Proposed by GTS?*

Golden Triangle Storage, LLC (GTS), which is owned by Caliche Development Partners III, LLC is seeking to construct, install, own, operate, and maintain the Spindletop Expansion Project at the company's existing GTS Storage Facility in Jefferson County, Texas.

The Spindletop Expansion Project proposes adding approximately **30.75 billion cubic feet of new natural gas storage capacity** to the existing storage facilities and includes the following new facilities:

- **Four new salt dome natural gas storage caverns** (Cavern 8, Cavern 10, Cavern 11 and Cavern 12).
- Temporary drilling and permanent well pad sites for the new caverns.
- Injection/withdrawal natural gas pipelines, raw water supply piping, brine return piping, instrument air piping, conduit runs for electrical and control systems, gas dehydration and associated equipment, heaters, metering, blow down flare, and other process control equipment.
- A new **compressor building housing 55,000 horsepower** of spark-ignited reciprocating piston engine-driven compression located in the existing Central Compressor Station.
- New service corridors and permanent access roads.

## *What is the Existing GTS Storage Facility?*

The existing GTS facility (the Central Storage Site) consists of:

- **Two salt dome natural gas storage caverns** (Cavern 1 and Cavern 2), leaching and brine disposal facilities, and a compressor station housing three compressors, all located on an approximately 90- acre tract near the city of Beaumont.
- **A 9.1-mile natural gas dual pipeline** header system that extends from the Central Storage Site northeast into Orange County, Texas (the Pipeline Header and collectively, all facilities, including the Central Storage Site and Pipeline Header are referred to as the Existing Storage Facilities).
- GTS began construction of the GTS Expansion Project in October 2024. Caverns 3 and 4 are anticipated to be **operational by third quarter 2027**.



## What is the Development Schedule?

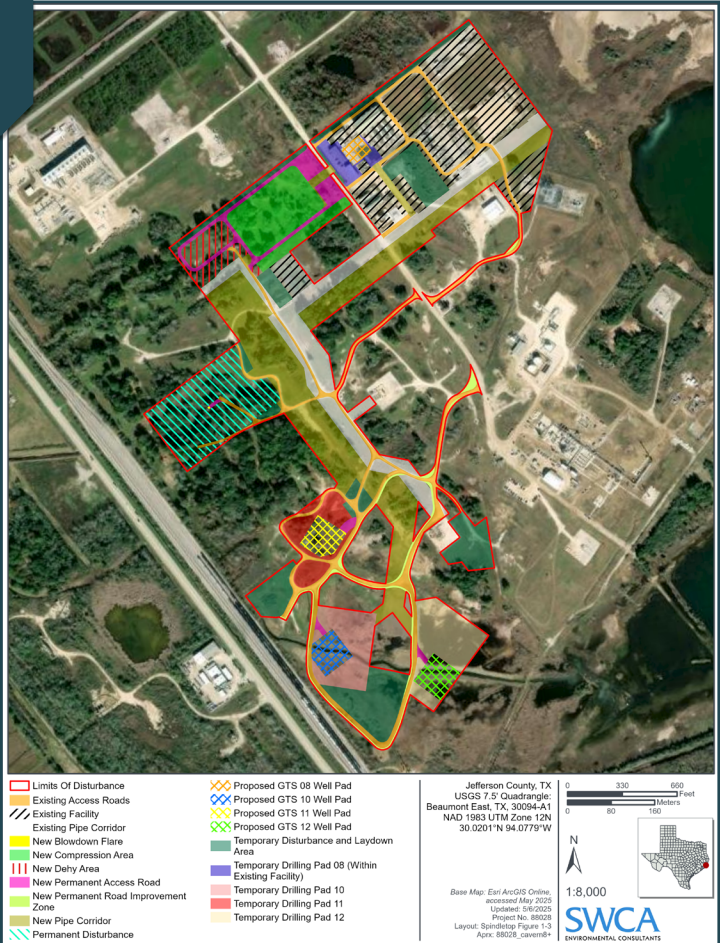
GTS filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Docket No. CP25-167-000 on March 31, 2025, seeking approval of the Spindletop Expansion Project. Pending approval by FERC, construction of the new facilities is anticipated to begin in the first half of 2026 with an anticipated in-service date for the first of the caverns in the second half of 2028.

## Why is the Spindletop Expansion Project Needed?

The Spindletop Expansion Project is needed to satisfy the growing demand for natural gas storage in the Gulf Coast region, as demonstrated by customers' interest in agreements for storage capacity associated with the Expansion Project which is currently under construction.

### What Benefits will be Provided by the Spindletop Expansion Project?

- Approximately **100 workers** at the peak of site construction and the hiring of one additional permanent employee once the new facilities are in service.
- Approximately **\$174 million in expenditures** on materials, purchasing equipment, and rentals. GTS's contractor and vendor selection process prioritizes companies within Jefferson County and the surrounding area.
- Direct and indirect economic activity will **increase state and federal revenues** via sales and income tax.



## PERMITTING/ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

### How is the Spindletop Expansion Project Being Permitted?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process begins when a federal agency, in this case the FERC, develops a proposal to take a major federal action. The environmental review under NEPA can involve three different levels of analysis:

- Categorical Exclusion determination
- Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

FERC has determined that the Spindletop Expansion Project warrants preparation of an EA, which will determine whether the federal action has the potential to cause significant environmental effects. Generally, the EA will include a brief discussion of:

- The purpose and need for the proposed action,
- Alternatives to the proposed action,
- The environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and
- A listing of agencies and persons consulted.

On October 3, 2025, FERC issued the final EA for the Spindletop Expansion Project. A copy of the EA is available on the GTS website and the FERC website (see below for information on how to view the EA). Permits from state and local agencies are also required for the Spindletop Expansion Project.

### *How Can I Follow the Permitting Process?*

Information about the Spindletop Expansion project is available at [www.calichestorage.com/gts-spindletopexpansion-project](http://www.calichestorage.com/gts-spindletopexpansion-project).

GTS will update the website throughout the FERC proceeding. A copy of GTS's FERC application is available for viewing at the Main Downtown Library, the Elmo Willard Library, the R.C. Miller Memorial Library, the Theodore Johns Library, the Kountze Public Library, and the Orange Public Library. The application may also be obtained through the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number CP25-167-000 in the docket number field to access the document. User assistance is available by email at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 866-208-3676 (TTY, call 202-502-8659). Additional information regarding FERC's regulations, policies and procedures is available on FERC's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) or from FERC's Office of External Affairs at 866-208-3372.

## ABOUT UNDERGROUND NATURAL GAS STORAGE

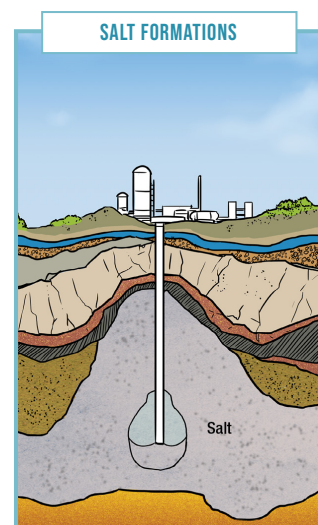
### *How Are Underground Storage Facilities Regulated?*

At the federal level, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) regulates the safety of natural gas storage facilities, while FERC regulates natural gas storage construction and operation. At the state level, underground storage facilities are under the authority of the Texas Railroad Commission – Oil & Gas Division.

### *How Does Underground Storage Work?*

Underground storage fields have been created by leaching underground caverns in salt domes. Salt domes such as those at GTS's Central Storage Facility and being proposed by the Spindletop Expansion Project are suited for this purpose because they are dry and geologically stable, allowing natural gas to be safely isolated

and stored in large quantities. To create an underground cavern in a salt dome, a hole is drilled from the surface down to the salt dome and water is injected to dissolve the salt and create the storage space. The salt solution is pumped out until the required cavern volume is achieved, and the cavern is then filled with natural gas which can be extracted by pumping brine into the cavern. Because the brine is denser than the stored natural gas, it forces the stored product out of the cavern. Because of density differences, the brine does not mix with the stored product. When the brine is removed from the cavern, it is stored in storage ponds to be used again and again, which minimizes environmental impacts.



### For More Information:

[www.calichestorage.com/gts-spindletopexpansion-project](http://www.calichestorage.com/gts-spindletopexpansion-project)

[www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/underground-natural-gas-storage/underground-natural-gas-storage](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/underground-natural-gas-storage/underground-natural-gas-storage)



### *How Does GTS Keep Its Facilities Safe?*

GTS is committed to the safety and integrity of its underground storage facilities. In addition to the federal and state regulations described above, the underground storage industry works with external stakeholders to develop recommended practices for underground storage that provide guidance to operators such as GTS on how to design and operate their facilities.



## GTS SAFETY STATISTICS

- 76,884 (GTS) and 275,022 (GTS Contactors) Safe Manhours without a recordable or a First Aid incident at GTS sites in 2025
- 535.3 Health, Safety, and Environmental Training hours for GTS employees in 2025



## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPINDLETOP EXPANSION PROJECT

Please visit the **GTS website** for project information, updates, and to access FERC filings:  
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