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# Top stories: EU, UK politicians urge US LNG pause revision, IEA encourages industrial reform, TAQA eyes Naturgy

The US LNG permit pause continued to hit headlines this week as prominent UK and European politicians urged President Biden to revisit the decision due to its “significant negative impacts on European energy security”.

A timeline for the pause to government’s review on LNG was also reported, and is likely to be completed in Q1 2025, according to US energy department official, Brad Crabtree.

The industry turned its gaze to the Strait of Hormuz following Iran’s attack on Israel. While experts do not expect the key waterway to be closed, it could cause significant setbacks for LNG shipments.

On the deals front, Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA) on Wednesday confirmed it was considering a takeover of Naturgy, Spain’s largest gas company. The deal would provide TAQA an entry into the European market.

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