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The U.S. Energy Information Administration expects U.S. liquefied natural gas, or LNG, exports to decrease by about 6% from the first half of 2022 to the second half of the year, according to its July Short-Term Energy Outlook.

EIA forecasts that an outage at the Freeport LNG export facility has taken about 17% of U.S. LNG export capacity offline. The facility is expected to be offline until late 2022.

With less natural gas being exported, EIA expects more natural gas in the U.S. market, which should bring prices down during the second half of the year. But EIA also forecasts that lower natural gas prices will lead to less growth in domestic natural gas production in the short term.

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