

*Applicants:* Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing;  
 Negotiated Rate PAL Agreement with  
 MIECO INC. to be effective 12/10/2016.  
*Filed Date:* 12/9/16.

*Accession Number:* 20161209–5191.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/21/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–255–000.  
*Applicants:* Sea Robin Pipeline  
 Company, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing  
 Annual Flowthrough Crediting  
 Mechanism Filing on 12/12/16.

*Filed Date:* 12/12/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161212–5058.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–256–000.  
*Applicants:* Texas Eastern  
 Transmission, LP.

*Description:* Compliance filing Gas  
 Quality Settlement.

*Filed Date:* 12/13/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161213–5000.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–257–000.  
*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline  
 LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Neg  
 Rate 2016–12–2 Capacity Enhancement  
 Amend Many Ks to be effective 12/13/  
 2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/13/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161213–5110.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–258–000.  
*Applicants:* Gulf Shore Energy  
 Partners, LP.

*Description:* Compliance filing Gulf  
 Shore Energy Partners—Cost and  
 Revenue Study.

*Filed Date:* 12/13/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161213–5113.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–259–000.  
*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline  
 Company of America.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing;  
 Negotiated Rate—Occidental Energy to  
 be effective 1/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 12/13/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161213–5148.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–260–000.  
*Applicants:* Texas Eastern  
 Transmission, LP.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing;  
 Negotiated Rate—Piedmont Release to  
 Atmos—8944225 to be effective 12/9/  
 2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/13/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161213–5237.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Any person desiring to intervene or  
 protest in any of the above proceedings  
 must file in accordance with Rules 211  
 and 214 of the Commission's  
 Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and

§ 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern  
 time on the specified comment date.  
 Protests may be considered, but  
 intervention is necessary to become a  
 party to the proceeding.

#### **Filings in Existing Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–200–001.

*Applicants:* Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.  
*Description:* Tariff Amendment:  
 Amendment to Docket No. RP17–200–  
 000 to be effective 12/31/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/12/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161212–5208.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–71–001.  
*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas  
 Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing AGT  
 FRQ 2016 Compliance Filing.

*Filed Date:* 12/12/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161212–5084.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Any person desiring to protest in any  
 of the above proceedings must file in  
 accordance with Rule 211 of the  
 Commission's Regulations (18 CFR  
 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern  
 time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the  
 Commission's eLibrary system by  
 clicking on the links or querying the  
 docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed  
 information relating to filing  
 requirements, interventions, protests,  
 service, and qualifying facilities filings  
 can be found at: [http://www.ferc.gov/  
 docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf). For  
 other information, call (866) 208–3676  
 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: December 14, 2016.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA–HQ–OW–2015–0335; FRL–9956–93–  
 OW]**

#### **Final EPA–USGS Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
 Agency (EPA) and United States  
 Geological Survey (USGS).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection  
 Agency (EPA) and the United States  
 Geological Survey are releasing a  
 technical report: *Final EPA–USGS  
 Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic  
 Life from Effects of Hydrologic*

*Alteration.* Healthy aquatic ecosystems  
 provide an array of services to  
 individuals and society, including clean  
 drinking water, irrigation supplies, and  
 recreational opportunities. Sound and  
 sustainable management of aquatic  
 ecosystems is an integral part of  
 managing water resources to meet the  
 needs of society. Hydrologic alteration  
 can be a contributor to the impairment  
 of water bodies that are designated to  
 support aquatic life. Stresses on aquatic  
 life associated with hydrologic  
 alteration may be further exacerbated by  
 climate change.

This report provides States, Tribes  
 and territories with scientific and  
 technical information on the natural  
 flow regime and potential effects of flow  
 alteration on aquatic life, and a flexible,  
 nonprescriptive framework that state  
 water managers might consider if they  
 are interested in developing narrative or  
 numeric targets for flow regime  
 components that are protective of  
 aquatic life. The report also provides  
 information about States and Tribes that  
 have adopted narrative water quality  
 standards to protect their waterbodies'  
 flow regimes and on the potential  
 impact of climate change on flow  
 regimes.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

*A. How can I get copies of this  
 document and other related  
 information?*

1. *Docket:* All documents in the  
 docket are listed in the  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although  
 listed in the index, some information is  
 not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other  
 information whose disclosure is  
 restricted by statute. Certain other  
 material, such as copyrighted material,  
 will be publicly available only in hard  
 copy. Publicly available docket  
 materials are available either  
 electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or  
 in hard copy at the Water Docket, EPA/  
 DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301  
 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington,  
 DC. The Public Reading Room is open  
 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday  
 through Friday, excluding legal  
 holidays. The telephone number for the  
 Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744,  
 and the telephone number for the Water  
 Docket is (202) 566–2426. For additional

information about EPA's public docket, visit EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

## II. What is this document?

This document serves as a technical and informational resource for States, Tribes, territories, and other stakeholders that want to protect aquatic life from the adverse effects of flow alteration. To that end, this report provides technical information about the effect of altered flow regimes on aquatic life and a nonprescriptive framework that may be used to help quantify targets for flow regime components that are protective of aquatic life and their habitats. The report also provides examples of state and tribal water quality standards designed to protect such flow regimes and discusses the potential impact of climate change on flow regimes. This technical report is not a rule and it, therefore, does not impose any mandatory requirements. State and Tribal decision makers retain the discretion to adopt approaches or information presented in this report on a case-by-case basis that differ from the approaches described in this report.

## III. Additional Information:

EPA and USGS each conducted internal peer reviews of the report, and EPA managed a contractor-led independent external peer review of the Draft EPA-USGS Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration. EPA will make the external peer review comments and Agency responses to these comments available in the docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Dated: December 14, 2016.

**Joel Beauvais,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1196; FRL-9956-89]

### Recent Postings of Broadly Applicable Alternative Test Methods

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made under and in support of New

Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) between January 1, 2016, and December 12, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** An electronic copy of each alternative test method approval document is available at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>. For questions about this notice, contact Mrs. Lula H. Melton, Air Quality Assessment Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (E143-02), Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-2910; fax number: (919) 541-0516; email address: [melton.lula@epa.gov](mailto:melton.lula@epa.gov). For technical questions about individual alternative test method decisions, refer to the contact person identified in the individual approval document(s).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

#### A. Does this notice apply to me?

This notice will be of interest to entities regulated under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 60, 61, and 63, state, local, and tribal agencies, and the EPA Regional offices responsible for implementation and enforcement of regulations under 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63.

#### B. How can I get copies of this information?

You may access copies of the broadly applicable alternative test method approval documents at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>.

### II. Background

Broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions made by the EPA in 2016 under the NSPS, 40 CFR part 60 and the NESHAP, 40 CFR parts 61 and 63 are identified in this notice (see Table 1). Source owners and operators may voluntarily use these broadly applicable alternative test methods in lieu of otherwise specified reference test methods. Use of these broadly applicable alternative test methods does not change the applicable emission standards.

As explained in a previous **Federal Register** notice published at 72 FR 4257 (January 30, 2007) and located at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>, the EPA Administrator has the authority to approve the use of alternative test methods to comply with requirements under 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63. This authority is found in

sections 60.8(b)(3), 61.13(h)(1)(ii), and 63.7(e)(2)(ii). A similar authority is granted in 40 CFR part 65 under section 65.158(a)(2). In the past, we have performed thorough technical reviews of numerous source-specific requests for alternatives and modifications to test methods and procedures. Based on these reviews, we have often found that these changes or alternatives would be equally valid and appropriate to apply to other sources within a particular class, category, or subcategory. Consequently, we have concluded that, where a method modification or an alternative method is clearly broadly applicable to a class, category, or subcategory of sources, it is both more equitable and efficient to approve its use for all appropriate sources and situations at the same time.

It is important to clarify that alternative methods are not mandatory but permissive. Sources are not required to employ such a method but may choose to do so in appropriate circumstances. Source owners or operators should review the specific broadly applicable alternative method approval decision at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods> before electing to employ the alternative method. As per section 63.7(f)(5), a source owner or operator electing to use an alternative method for 40 CFR part 63 standards must continue to use the alternative method until otherwise authorized.

The criteria for approval and procedures for submission and review of broadly applicable alternative test methods are outlined at 72 FR 4257 (January 30, 2007). We will continue to announce approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods> and publish a notice annually that summarizes approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods during the preceding year.

This notice comprises a summary of seven such approval documents posted to our Technology Transfer Network between January 1, 2016, and December 12, 2016. The alternative method decision letter/memo number, the reference method affected, sources allowed to use this alternative, and the modification or alternative method allowed are summarized in Table 1 of this notice. For more detailed information, please refer to the complete copies of these approval documents available at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>, as Table 1 serves only as a brief summary of the