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## 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,**

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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

broadly applicable alternative test methods.

If you are aware of reasons why a particular alternative test method approval that we issued should not be broadly applicable or that its use should in some way be limited, we request that you make us aware of the reasons in writing, and we will revisit the broad approval. Any objection to a broadly

applicable alternative test method, as well as the resolution of that objection, will be announced at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods> and in the subsequent **Federal Register** notice. If we decide to retract a broadly applicable test method, we will continue to grant case-by-case approvals, as appropriate, and will (as

states, local and tribal agencies and the EPA Regional offices should) consider the need for an appropriate transition period for users either to request case-by-case approval or to transition to an approved method.

Dated: December 14, 2016.

**Stephen Page,**  
Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

**TABLE 1—APPROVED ALTERNATIVE TEST METHODS AND MODIFICATIONS TO TEST METHODS REFERENCED IN OR PUBLISHED UNDER APPENDICES IN 40 CFR PARTS 60, 61, AND 63 POSTED BETWEEN JANUARY 2016 AND DECEMBER 2016**

Alternative method decision letter/memo number	As an alternative or modification to . . .	For . . .	You may . . .
ALT-114 .....	Performance Specification 18-Performance Specifications and Test Procedures for Gaseous Hydrogen Chloride (HCl) Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources and Procedure 6-Quality Assurance Requirements for Gaseous Hydrogen Chloride (HCl) Emission Monitoring Systems Used for Compliance Determination at Stationary Sources.	Sources subject to 40 CFR Part 63, subpart LLL-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry Sources; 40 CFR Part 63, subpart UUUUU-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units; 40 CFR Part 63, subpart DDDDD-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters; and 40 CFR Part 60, subparts CCCC and DDDD-Standards of Performance for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units.	Use the alternative approach for preparation of gas standards as specified in the agency's approval letter dated February 22, 2016.
ALT-115 .....	40 CFR 63.7525(a)(2)(vi) .....	Sources subject to 40 CFR Part 63, subpart DDDDD-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters..	Use the alternative approach for moisture measurement as specified in the agency's approval letter dated March 2, 2016 (only when both CO and CO <sub>2</sub> are being measured on a wet basis).
ALT-116 .....	Method 7E-Determination of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).	Sources subject to 40 CFR Parts 60, 61, and 63.	Use higher concentration NO <sub>2</sub> gases in conjunction with Method 205 for converter efficiency testing as specified in the agency's approval letter dated April 27, 2014.
ALT-117 .....	Method 5-Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions From Stationary Sources.	Sources subject to 40 CFR Parts 60, 61, and 63.	Use single temperature DGM (dry gas meter) sensor in lieu of two sensors with the criteria specified in the agency's approval letter dated March 15, 2016.
ALT-118 .....	Performance Specification 12A-Specifications and Test Procedures for Total Vapor Phase Mercury Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems in Stationary Sources and Procedure 5-Quality Assurance Requirements for Vapor Phase Mercury Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems and Sorbent Trap Monitoring Systems Used for Compliance Determination at Stationary Sources.	Sources subject to 40 CFR Part 63, subpart LLL-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry; 40 CFR Part 63, subpart UUUUU-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units; 40 CFR Part 63, subpart DDDDD-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters; and 40 CFR Part 60, subparts CCCC and DDDD-Standards of Performance for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units.	Use a NIST-certified Vendor Prime elemental mercury gas generator for research gas mixtures (RGM) in the EPA Traceability Protocol for Assay and Certification of Gaseous Calibration Standards with the provisions specified in the agency's approval letter dated May 24, 2016.

TABLE 1—APPROVED ALTERNATIVE TEST METHODS AND MODIFICATIONS TO TEST METHODS REFERENCED IN OR PUBLISHED UNDER APPENDICES IN 40 CFR PARTS 60, 61, AND 63 POSTED BETWEEN JANUARY 2016 AND DECEMBER 2016—Continued

Alternative method decision letter/memo number	As an alternative or modification to . . .	For . . .	You may . . .
ALT-119 .....	Performance Specification 12B-Specifications and Test Procedures for Monitoring Total Vapor Phase Mercury Emissions From Stationary Sources Using a Sorbent Trap Monitoring System.	Sources subject to 40 CFR Part 63, subparts LLL-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and UUUU-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units.	Use the alternative analytical test procedure for low level measurements as specified in the agency's approval letter dated May 26, 2016.
ALT-120 .....	40 CFR 63.1350(k)(2)(ii) and (iii) .....	Sources subject to 40 CFR Part 63, subparts LLL-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry.	Use the alternative procedure for above span mercury calibrations through January 1, 2018, only as specified in the agency's approval letter dated June 28, 2016.

Source owners or operators should review the specific broadly applicable alternative method approval letter at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods> before electing to employ it.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Deletion of Items From Sunshine Act Meeting**

December 14, 2016.

The following Agenda items have been deleted from the list of items

scheduled for consideration at the Thursday, December 15, 2016, Open Meeting and previously listed in the Commission's Notice of December 8, 2016. Items 3, 4, 5, 6, have been adopted by the Commission.

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2 .....	Public Safety & Homeland Security .....	<i>Title:</i> Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System (PS Docket No. 15-94). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to enhance the Emergency Alert System (EAS) as a tool for community emergency preparedness. The Report and Order improves alerting organization at the state and local levels, builds stronger community-based alerting exercise programs, and protects the EAS against accidental misuse and malicious intrusion. The Further Notice seeks comment on proposals to leverage technological advances to improve alerting and additional measures to preserve EAS security.
3 .....	International .....	<i>Title:</i> Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning Non-geostationary, Fixed Satellite Service Systems and Related Matters. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to update, clarify, and streamline the Commission's rules to facilitate the deployment of recently proposed non-geostationary-satellite orbit, fixed-satellite service satellite systems.
4 .....	General Counsel .....	<i>Title:</i> Amendment of Part 0 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Public Information, the Inspection of Records, and Implementing the Freedom of Information Act. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider an Order that updates its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations consistent with the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016.
5 .....	Wireless Telecommunications .....	<i>Title:</i> Maritime Communications/Land Mobile, LLC, Order on Reconsideration and Memorandum Opinion and Order. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider an Order on Reconsideration and Memorandum Opinion and Order regarding the assignment of licenses held by Maritime Communications/Land Mobile, LLC.
6 .....	Public Safety & Homeland Security .....	<i>Title:</i> Improving the Resiliency of Mobile Wireless Communications Networks, (PS Docket 13-239); Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies (PS Docket No. 11-60). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider an Order that evaluates the Wireless Network Resiliency Cooperative Framework submitted by members of the wireless industry.
7 .....	Enforcement .....	<i>Title:</i> Preferred Long Distance, Inc., Memorandum Opinion & Order.