

IV. External Review and Comments

Three comment documents were received during the public comment period on the Draft EA. Commenters included one Federal agency, one state agency, and one local community organization. Appendix B of the Final EA includes the comments delineated within each comment document and DOE's responses to the comments. DOE considered all public comments received in preparing the Final EA.

V. Determination

In the Final EA, DOE evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with packaging, transportation, and disposal of contaminated process equipment from SRS at a licensed commercial LLW disposal facility outside of the state of South Carolina. Implementation of either action alternative analyzed in the Final EA would entail minor impacts and low risks and would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in accordance with DOE's NEPA implementing procedures, 10 CFR part 1021, and the regulations promulgated by the CEQ for implementing NEPA, 40 CFR 1501.6. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

Based on the analysis in the Final EA, DOE intends to ship the contaminated process equipment to the WCS FWF, a licensed off-site commercial disposal facility located in Andrews County, Texas, for disposal (Alternative 1). DOE has characterized the contaminated process equipment, which included sampling analyses (see Final EA, Appendix A), and prepared a technical evaluation and an official determination that demonstrate and document, that the SRS contaminated process equipment meets Criterion 1 for non-HLW under DOE's interpretation of the AEA and NWSA definition of HLW. The technical reports are available at: <https://www.energy.gov/em/high-level-radioactive-waste-hlw-interpretation>. Current characterization analysis shows that the disposal containers of contaminated process equipment are either Class B LLW (Tank 28F salt sampling drill string) or Class C LLW (glass bubblers and glass pumps). Of the licensed commercial facilities analyzed in the Final EA, the WCS FWF is the only facility that can accept Class B and Class C LLW for disposal. DOE intends to initiate shipments of the SRS contaminated process equipment in 2023.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on July 14, 2023, by Kristen G. Ellis, Acting Assistant Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory and Policy Affairs, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 14, 2023.

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Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas and Oil Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP23-895-000.

Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Tioga Lateral Waiver and Hess NRA Filing to be effective 9/1/2023.

Filed Date: 7/14/23.

Accession Number: 20230714-5001.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 7/26/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-896-000.

Applicants: Minnesota Municipal Power Agency v. Northern Natural Gas Company.

Description: Complaint of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency v. Northern Natural Gas Company.

Filed Date: 7/13/23.

Accession Number: 20230713-5141.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/2/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-897-000.

Applicants: Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: CGT—Pricing Index Clarification to be effective 8/14/2023.

Filed Date: 7/14/23.

Accession Number: 20230714-5002.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 7/26/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-898-000.

Applicants: Midwestern Gas Transmission Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to Part 6 for Contract Assignment to be effective 8/1/2023.

Filed Date: 7/14/23.

Accession Number: 20230714-5062.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 7/26/23.

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Dated: July 14, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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