

Action Items from the 2016 Oil and Gas future-year projections subgroup:

1. For exploration emissions (drilling, completions, etc.), the Beta approach being investigated will be to generate county activity data for the 2016 platform (not 2016 actual activity) by averaging activity for the five-year period 2013 to 2017. Emissions generated using this averaging approach will be used for the 2016 Beta future-year platform and will be projected forward (with no change) to 2023 and 2028. If it turns out not to be practicable to execute this approach in time, the default Beta approach for exploration emissions will be to generate activity data for the 2016 platform by averaging 2014 and 2016 activity.
2. For production, gathering, and processing emissions, the Beta approach will be to generate a projection factor using state production data from 2016 and 2017 multiplied by the ratio of AEO Reference Case projected production in 2023 (and 2028) to the 2017 baseline. It should be noted that the AEO High Oil and Gas Resource and Technology case has/is also being examined.
3. For emissions from storage, transmission, distribution, and support activities for oil and gas operations, the Beta approach will be to project 2016 base year point source emissions to 2023 and 2028 with no change.