

Via Email

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**RE: SAFE HARBOR WATER POWER CORPORATION – 2024 FISH PASSAGE REPORT**

Dear Ms. Eyer, Mr. Williamson, and Resource Agencies:

Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation (Brookfield) is hereby submitting the 2024 Safe Harbor Fish Passage Report for the Safe Harbor Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1025, NATDAM NO. PA00855) in Lancaster County, PA.

The Safe Harbor fish lift operates from mid-April to mid-June each year. It typically commences operation shortly after the Holtwood Fish Lift passes approximately 500 American Shad into Lake Aldred and stops a day or two after the Holtwood lift shuts down for the season.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), submitted written requests to Brookfield on December 21 and 22, 2023 asking that the Safe Harbor fish lift not be operated in 2024 in an effort to limit the expansion of invasive species. This was based on the recommendation from multiple resource agencies.

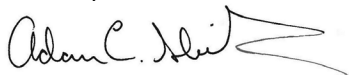
Brookfield filed notification with FERC on January 5, 2024 noting the suspension of fish passage.

On December 5, 2023, during the annual Susquehanna River Anadromous Fish Restoration Cooperative (SRAFRC) meeting, the group discussed a draft Priority Invasive Fish Species Action Plan. On April 4, 2024, a draft Priority Invasive Fish Species Action Plan for the Susquehanna River Basin was received for review. This plan was reviewed collectively by the hydroelectric facility owners and agencies and written comments were provided by several entities, including Brookfield. SRAFRC is in the process of forming Steering and Technical Committees to begin the process of facilitating implementation of the plan.

Maintenance and repairs will be performed on the fish lift as they are needed moving forward. Since the lift did not operate in 2024, there is no fish passage report enclosed.

Should any additional information be required, please contact me by phone at 215-620-4589, by e-mail at [adam.slowik@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:adam.slowik@brookfieldrenewable.com), or by mail at Brookfield Renewable, 482 Old Holtwood Rd., Holtwood, PA 17532.

Sincerely,



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