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## Veolia Awarded Significant Contract with Oil and Gas Operator Antero Resources to Showcase Broad Waste Collection, Treatment Expertise

Veolia announced today that it has been selected by Antero Resources, through its subsidiary Veolia Water North America Operations Services L.L.C, to manage the sophisticated process of loading, packaging, transporting and proper disposal of water treatment sludge generated at its Clearwater Facility near Pennsboro, West Virginia. Antero, a leading independent natural gas and oil company, selected Veolia through its subsidiary Veolia North America, which will be supported by the expertise of Veolia's Nuclear Solutions entity.

The contract will take advantage of Veolia's best-in-class offerings in providing holistic solutions to tackle the world's toughest waste challenges for clients when it comes to environmental waste and remediation support. Under this up to 10-year, \$70 million contract, Veolia will utilize its broad expertise to address the water treatment sludge produced at the facility. This includes collecting and treating TENORM – technologically enhanced, naturally occurring radioactive materials which are exposed to the environment as a result of human activities – highlighting Veolia's ability to deal with the range of clients' toughest and complex waste needs.

"Veolia's broad and comprehensive expertise allows us to provide this vital service for Antero and we're pleased they have selected us to handle this important work," said Veolia North America president and CEO William J. "Bill" DiCroce. "Ensuring the safe and efficient treatment and recycling of water is a vital part of oil and gas exploration activities, and it is critical that the materials generated from that work are properly managed," added Steve Hopper, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Veolia North America Industrial Water and Regeneration Services.

In 2015, Antero contracted with Veolia to design, build, operate and maintain the water treatment and recycling plant near Pennsboro. The facility's construction is under commission. The sludge-related services agreed to in today's contract will be provided in addition to the construction and operation-maintenance of that facility, which includes the scope of low-level TENORM waste segregation.

As part of the agreement, Veolia will also provide a comprehensive Environmental Health and Safety program to protect Veolia's employees and subcontractors, the public, and the environment.

"Segregation and disposal of TENORM waste in a safe and reliable manner to an approved landfill is key to Antero's operations," said Al Schopp, SVP and Chief Administrative Officer for Antero Resources. "Veolia's expertise in providing a comprehensive solution for TENORM waste segregation and management has been great value to Antero in achieving its long term sustainability goals."

Once completed, the Clearwater facility will treat and recycle 60,000 barrels of produced water a day.

#### **About Veolia**

Veolia group is the global leader in optimized resource management. With over 163 000 employees worldwide, the group designs and provides water, waste and energy management solutions that contribute to the sustainable development of communities and industries. Through its three complementary business activities, Veolia helps to develop access to resources, preserve available resources, and to replenish them. In 2016, the Veolia group supplied 100 million people with drinking water and 61 million people with wastewater service, produced 54 million megawatt hours of energy and converted 30 million metric tons of waste into new materials and energy. Veolia Environment *(listed on Paris Euronext: VIE)* recorded consolidated revenue of €24.39 billion in 2016. www.veolia.com

#### **About Antero Resources**

Antero Resources is an independent natural gas and oil company engaged in the acquisition, development and production of unconventional liquids-rich natural gas properties, as well as water logistics located in the Appalachian Basin in West Virginia and Ohio. The Company's website is located at www.anteroresources.com.

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