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# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY NEPA DETERMINATION



RECIPIENT: Enorasy LLC STATE: MA

PROJECT TITLE: Robotic Juggler Offshore WEC

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number DE-FOA-0001663 DF-FF0008388 GFO-0008388-001

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

# CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

**A9** Information gathering,

Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information analysis, and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and dissemination informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

#### Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to Enorasy LLC to design, fabricate, and conduct tank testing of 1:20 scale Wave Energy Conversion device (WEC) called the Robotic Juggler (RJ).

The proposed project is divided into 2 Budget Periods (BP). In BP1, Enorasy would complete design work for the RJ, as well as develop a test plan. In BP2, Enorasy would fabricate and tank test the RJ. This NEPA determination applies to BP1 only.

In BP1, Enorasy would design the RJ. Design work would include engineering analysis, materials analysis and selection, computer analysis and simulations, numerical modeling, and control systems analysis. BP1 would also include the development of a proposed test plan for testing the RJ at the University of Maine's wave tank testing facility.

Design and planning work would be conducted at Enorasy offices in Bedford MA, as well as at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, the University of New York in Stony Brook, and the National Renewable Energy Lab.

All work in BP1 would be limited to design, planning, and analysis. No modifications to existing facilities or new permits would be required for any of the proposed work in BP1. No hazardous materials would be used in BP1.

Any work proposed to be conducted at a DOE laboratory may be subject to additional NEPA review by the cognizant DOE NEPA Compliance Officer for the specific DOE laboratory prior to initiating such work. Further, any work conducted at a DOE laboratory must meet the laboratory's health and safety requirements.

Based on the review of the proposal, DOE has determined that activities associated with BP1 of the proposal fit within the class of action(s) selected above. DOE has also determined that: (1) there are no extraordinary circumstances (as defined by 10 CFR 1021.410(2)) related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; (2) the proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion; and (3) the proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts, related to other proposals with cumulatively significant actions, or an improper interim action. All activities associated with BP1 of this proposal are categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

## NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

Budget Period 2 (all tasks and subtasks)

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Budget Period 1 (all tasks and subtasks)

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:

Any work proposed to be conducted at a DOE laboratory may be subject to additional NEPA review by the cognizant DOE NEPA Compliance Officer for the specific DOE laboratory prior to initiating such work. Further, any work conducted at a DOE laboratory must meet the laboratory's health and safety requirements.

Note to Specialist:

This NEPA determination requires a tailored NEPA provision.

Water Power Program

NEPA review completed by Roak Parker 9/17/18

### SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NE	PA Compliance Officer Signature:	Signed By: Kristin Kerwin	Date:	9/20/2018
		NEPA Compliance Officer		
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	Field Office Manager review required			
NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:				
	Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.  Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.			
BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO:				
Field Office Manager's Signature:				
		Field Office Manager		·