

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze and describe the potential environmental impacts associated with the:

Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center (NNMREC)/Oregon State University's Wave Energy Testing Project Newport, Oregon DOE/EA 1917

DOE's Golden Field Office has prepared the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NNMREC at Oregon State University is proposing to use federal funding from DOE to support the design, construction, and operation of their Wave Energy Test Project located off the coast of Newport, Oregon. DOE is also proposing to provide federal funding to Northwest Energy Innovations to support a controlled open-sea deployment and test of their WET-NZ WEC device, which would be the first wave energy devise tested at the NNMREC's Project facilities. The draft EA is available for review at the DOE Golden Electronic Public Reading Room at:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/golden/NEPA_DEA.aspx

Public comments on the EA's analysis and results of the environmental impacts of implementing DOE's proposed action will be accepted until **July 18, 2012.** Please mail comments to the **DOE Golden Field Office**, c/o Laura Margason, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, or by email to laura.margason@go.doe.gov.