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MA&D – Siting and Wind-Radar Mitigation

2019 Wind Program Peer Review

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Wind Office Strategic Priorities

Clean, low-cost wind energy options nationwide

	Land-Based Wind	Offshore Wind	Distributed Wind
Technology Development & Scientific Research	Atmospheric Science & Wind Plant Systems Engineering	Atmospheric Science & Wind Plant Systems Engineering	Atmospheric Science
	Standards and Certification	Standards and Certification	Standards and Certification
	Technology Innovation	Technology Innovation	Technology Innovation
	World Class Testing Facilities	World Class Testing Facilities	
	Tech to Market Commercialization	Tech to Market Commercialization	
	Integrated Systems Design	Integrated Systems Design	
		Offshore Specific R&D	
		Advanced Technology Demo Projects	
Market Acceleration & Deployment	Advanced Grid Integration	Advanced Grid Integration	Advanced Grid Integration
	Workforce and Education Development	Workforce and Education Development	Workforce and Education Development
	Stakeholder Engagement	Stakeholder Engagement	Stakeholder Engagement
	Environmental Research	Environmental Research	
	Siting & Wind Radar Mitigation	Siting & Wind Radar Mitigation	
Analysis & Modeling	Evaluate and Prioritize R&D	Evaluate and Prioritize R&D	Evaluate and Prioritize R&D
	Model Development and Maintenance	Model Development and Maintenance	Model Development and Maintenance
	Techno-economic Analysis	Techno-economic Analysis	Techno-economic Analysis
	Electricity Sector Modeling	Electricity Sector Modeling	Electricity Sector Modeling

Who We Are: WTRIM Working Group

2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) established the WTRIM Working Group to collectively develop and deploy mitigation approaches, allows significant leverage of DOE funds



Wind-Radar Interference Background

As wind turbines get larger, more numerous and move into new areas of the country, conflicts with existing radar systems are likely to increase in number and severity. Additionally, Federal agencies must be able to predict and quantify the impact to their missions with high fidelity

Weather Radar



Over the Horizon Radar



Air Surveillance Radar



Wind turbines impact

radars:

- Turbines present unique mix of moving and static clutter
- Decrease probability
 of detection
- Increase false alarms
- Corrupt track quality

- Flight safety (FAA)
- Homeland security (DHS)
- Homeland defense
 (DOD)
- Weather observation (NOAA)

Federal WTRIM Strategy

Strategic Objectives: By 2025, eliminate wind turbine radar interference as an impact to critical radar missions, ensure the long-term resilience of radar operations in the presence of wind turbines, and remove radar interference as an impediment to future wind energy development.



Strategic Theme 1: Improve capacity to evaluate the impacts of wind energy on sensitive radars Strategic Theme 2: Develop and deploy mitigation measures to increase resilience of existing radars to wind turbines Strategic Theme 3: Encourage the development of nextgeneration radars resistant to wind turbine interference

Wind-Radar: Key Activities Over Time

2016 - 2020



Strategic Theme 1: Improve capacity to evaluate the impacts of wind energy on sensitive radars

Accomplishments

- NOAA NEXRAD Public Screening Tool (SNL)
- WTRIM Modeling & Simulation Tools Catalog (SNL)
- US Wind Turbine Database (LBNL) Release
- and integrated machine learning, turbine visual classification (MIT LL)
- Evaluated potential offshore impacts on coastal radars (MIT LL)
- WTRIM Working Group Facilitation (SNL)





Collaborators: SNL, MIT LL, LBNL, AWEA, USGS, WTRIM Working Group Agencies

Future Priorities

 Ensure all potential radar conflicts can be evaluated by developing, verifying, and improving modeling and simulation tools.

Strategic Theme 2: Develop and deploy mitigation measures to increase resilience of existing radars to wind turbines

Accomplishments

- Travis AFB, PMP
- Analysis of Alternatives, Canon AFB
- Lightning Protection and Radar Impact Mitigation
- AMOSS Radar Study
- Demonstrated improved performance through advanced signal processing

Future Priorities

- Develop certification framework for offthe-shelf mitigation solutions
- PMPS: Other mitigation types in operational setting
- Turbine-Side Mitigation Development
- Offshore Wind Specific Mitigation Development



Collaborators: SNL, MIT LL, AFRL, C-Speed, Wind Developers, WTRIM Working Group

Strategic Theme 3: Encourage the development of next generation radars resistant to wind turbine interference

Accomplishments

- Advanced Signal Processing for Wind Turbine Clutter Mitigation for future systems (MIT LL)
- SENSR Program

Future Priorities

- Ensure that relevant radar development programs are aware of WTRIM issues and include as a key design requirement
- Ensure Next Generation radars are resistant to future wind technology



Collaborators: SNL, MIT LL, NREL, SENSR Program, WTRIM Working Group Agencies

Wind Radar: Future Priorities (FY19 and beyond)

Strategic Area	Future Priorities	Collaborators
Improve capacity to evaluate the impacts of wind energy on sensitive radars	 Evaluate potential impact of offshore wind development on coastal radars; develop & improve tools for offshore environment Maintain and improve modeling and simulation tools, including the U.S. Wind Turbine Database Continue to identify modeling and simulation gaps, and develop new tools Continue WTRIM Working Group Facilitation & Collaboration 	 WTRIM Working Group (see org chart) Labs: SNL, MIT LL, LBNL Agencies: DOD, BOEM, FAA, NOAA, DHS, & other DOD/FAA elements AWEA, USGS,
Develop and deploy mitigation measures to increase resilience of existing radars to wind turbines	 Pilot Mitigation Project Initiative (completing Travis AFB and Canon AFB PMPS and identify new PMP sites to test potential off- the-shelf mitigations Offshore Wind specific mitigation development Work with DOD, NOAA, and NWS - NEXRAD radar mitigation evaluation and development Turbine-side mitigation evaluation & development (e.g. Wind Farm spacing) Develop hardware/software upgrades to existing radars (e.g. advanced multi-radar fusion and tracker prototyping) Command and control/automation system improvements 	 WTRIM Working Group Labs: SNL, MIT LL, LBNL Agencies: DOD, BOEM, FAA, NOAA, DHS, and other DOD & FAA elements Wind developers, OEMs
Encourage the development of next generation radars resistant to wind turbine interference	 Continue to engage in outreach and R&D to ensure that relevant radar development programs are aware of WTRIM issues and include as a key design requirement Continue support for SENSR program 	 WTRIM Working Group Labs: SNL, MIT LL, NREL Agencies: DOD, BOEM, FAA, NOAA, DHS

Notes: WTRIM= Wind Turbine radar Interference Mitigation; DOD= Department of Defense; FAA= Federal Aviation Administration; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; NWS= National Weather Service; BOEM= Bureau of Ocean Energy Management