



HYDRO WORKS FOR AMERICA

Call to Action: Create Jobs and Clean Energy through Hydropower

Congress must act – 700,000 jobs and 60,000 MW at stake

The U.S. hydropower industry can build 60,000 megawatts of new, domestic, renewable energy resources and create 700,000 new, family-supporting jobs, if Congress enacts policies that support renewables.

The National Hydropower Association urges Congress to adopt these measures. Action will mean clean energy and long-term jobs from hydropower, as well as growth and employment in wind, solar, and other renewable energy resources.

Federal Renewable Energy Standard

Adopt a federal RES that:

- Recognizes hydropower and hydrokinetics as qualified renewable energy resources
- Backs existing hydropower out of a retailer's base, acknowledging the benefits of existing hydropower
- Sets 1988 as the in-service data for incremental hydropower and hydro at non-powered dams

Tax Incentives

Pass the following tax measures:

- Make hydropower production tax credits (PTC) equal to those of other renewables (H.R. 2626, S. 1090)
- Provide an investment tax credit for pumped storage and other energy storage options (S. 1091)
- Provide at least \$5 billion in funding for the clean renewable energy bonds (CREBs) program

Climate Policy

Enact climate policy that:

- Recognizes hydropower's clean air benefits, including the 225 million metric tons of carbon dioxide it helps avoid each year
- Provides allowance value to hydropower resources under a cap-and-trade program
- Includes support for incremental hydropower, development at non-powered dams, and ocean, tidal, and instream hydrokinetic resources in all climate measures

Research and Development

Bolster federal research and development programs into waterpower resources:

- Provide \$500 million for the U.S. Department of Energy's Waterpower R&D program to support new technology advancements, environmental studies, and additional resource assessments for hydropower, pumped storage and hydrokinetic technologies