MID-YEAR 2012 UPDATE

The U.S. hydropower industry is a vibrant, growing part of the American energy economy. To demonstrate this, NHA in April unveiled the first-ever **U.S. Hydropower Supply Chain Snapshot**, an interactive map that shows the breadth and diversity of hydropower's economic impact. The U.S. Hydropower Supply Chain Snapshot features over 2,500 companies in the hydro supply chain—even in diverse regions not typically associated with renewable energy like the South and Rustbelt.



To view the U.S. Hydropower Supply Chain Snapshot visit hydro.org/supplychainsnapshot.

NHA testified in support of the bipartisan **Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012**, which was introduced in the House of Representatives on June 5 by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Diana DeGette (D-CO). Due to the strong bipartisan support the House Energy Committee approved the legislation for full House consideration on June 20. Get involved and tell your Congressman to support expanded hydropower development using our Legislative Action Center at **capwiz.com/hydro**.

Following a proposed 66 percent cut by President Barack Obama, NHA continues to **advocate for consistent investment in hydropower research and development** at the Department of Energy. NHA secured increases over the President's request from both the Senate Appropriations Committee and House of Representatives.

With new staff onboard, NHA has a **renewed focus on regulatory affairs**. NHA filed comments with the Bureau of Reclamation on their Lease of Power Privilege (LOPP) process; with the Fish and Wildlife Service on a petition to list the Alewife and Blueback Herring under the ESA; urged the Army to include hydropower in their Large Scale Renewable Energy RFP; and secured qualification of hydropower for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) funding opportunity. Read more at **hydro.org/resources**.

NHA is also working to **improve operating performance of the existing hydropower fleet** with its Operational Excellence initiative. As part of this effort, NHA is launching a pilot program this year to connect hydropower plant owners through an event reporting system that alerts participants to potential safety and operating issues experienced by other operators.

This May, NHA held its **first regional meeting of the year** in Green Bay, WI—complete with tour of Kaukauna Utilities Badger Hydroelectric Projects and Lambeau Field! Future regional meetings include Sitka, AK; Southeast Regional Meeting in Charleston, WV; Fall Hydraulic Power Committee Meeting in Chattanooga, TN; Northwest Regional Meeting in Boise, ID; and Finance Forum in New York, NY. Visit **hydro.org/events** for more information and to register.

Nearly 600 industry members, regulators, policymakers, and media were brought together at **NHA's Annual Conference in Washington**, **DC**, in April. Get revved up to celebrate NHA's 30th anniversary at the 2013 conference, April 22-24. Visit **nationalhydroconference.com** for more information.



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