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Interior identifies additional hydropower potential in United States *Statement of NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci*

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Washington, D.C. (April 13, 2012) – The following is a statement by Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the National Hydropower Association on the release of the Department of Interior report on hydropower potential at Bureau of Reclamation owned conduits:

"NHA welcomes the results of Bureau of Reclamation's conduit assessment. It is yet another demonstration that our country's existing infrastructure holds tremendous potential for expanded hydropower production. What is important now is that we work together to unlock that potential. The industry stands ready to work with all related federal agencies to maximize the potential at these sites and bring more affordable, reliable electricity to America's households and business while expanding the economic impact of our industry in communities across the country."

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