



## National Hydropower Association

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The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
S-128 Capitol Bldg  
Washington, DC 20510

February 11, 2011

Dear Chairman Inouye,

The National Hydropower Association (NHA) and The Hydropower Reform Coalition (HRC) write to express our joint support for a robust and well-funded U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Waterpower program that supports research and development to improve *all* waterpower technologies, including conventional hydropower, pumped storage, and marine and hydrokinetic energy, such as ocean wave and tidal power.

We applaud the work of your Committees to increase funding for initiatives that improve the efficiency, performance, and ecological sustainability of hydropower, and we ask you to remain supportive of a balanced DOE Waterpower program that can be used to improve all hydropower technologies, conventional and non-conventional alike. There are many notable activities conducted under the DOE waterpower program that require continued support, including key initiatives outlined in the federal hydropower MOU signed by the Departments of Energy and Interior and the Army Corps of Engineers.

DOE's waterpower program increasingly leads to new advancements in technology, operations, and practices to accomplish the program's twin goals of increasing generation and improving environmental outcomes. Continued funding for DOE's waterpower program is essential to the realization of this promise. As your Committees re-examine budget priorities, we strongly urge your continued support of a robust DOE waterpower program with the flexibility to drive innovation in all waterpower technologies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Church Ciocci".

Linda Church Ciocci  
Executive Director  
National Hydropower Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Seebach".

John Seebach  
Chair  
Hydropower Reform Coalition