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# Federal Hydropower: U.S. Departments of Energy, Interior and Army Execute Memorandum of Understanding

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The United States Department of Energy (“DOE”), Department of the Interior (“DOI”) and Department of the Army (“Army”) executed a document titled:

*Memorandum of Understanding for Federal Hydropower Among the Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Army (“MOU”)*

The MOU states that DOE, DOI and the Army are using the document to facilitate and enhance collaboration and coordination on:

- Technology research
- Development and demonstration
- Mutually beneficial research projects

Topic areas are outlined in the MOU that are stated to help position federal hydropower to meet United States’ needs for:

. . . reliable and affordable renewable hydropower through a partnership of collaboration between the Agencies . . .

An action plan is required to be drafted by the agencies outlining specific projects and activities under each topic area within 90 days of execution of the document. The action plan will be designed to adapt hydropower to:

- Changing markets
- Environmental concerns
- Water issues
- Facilitate the influx of non-dispatchable generation resources penetrating the bulk electric system

Topic areas addressed include:

- Asset Management
- Value of Hydropower
- Workforce
- Water Supply Reliability
- Environmental Outcomes

The agencies are required to collaborate with the Power Marketing Administrations in regards to these topic areas. In addition, a number of “Quantifications and Limitations” are delineated in the MOU.

A copy of the MOU can be downloaded [here](#).