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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: Triple HS, Inc. dba H. T. Harvey & Associates

STATE: CA

PROJECT TITLE : Evaluating the Potential for Marine and Hydrokinetic Devices to Become Artificial Reefs of Fish Aggregating Devices Based on Analysis of Surrogates in Tropical, Subtropical and Temperate U.S. West Coast and Hawaiian Coastal Waters

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0000816 **Procurement Instrument Number** DE-EE0006389 **NEPA Control Number** **CID Number** GO6389

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to provide federal funding to H. T. Harvey & Associates to research and evaluate the potential for marine and hydrokinetic (MHK) devices (stressors) to become artificial reefs or fish aggregating devices (FADs), thereby affecting marine wildlife and fish (receptors). Research would be based on analysis of MHK surrogates in tropical, subtropical and temperate US West Coast and Hawaiian coastal waters.

Tasks funded under this award are administrative in nature and consist of information gathering, analysis, and dissemination activities that would include, but are not limited to scientific literature reviews and analysis; data analysis; interviews with local resource managers; and development of recommendations for future studies. In-water equipment deployment or physical site characterization or monitoring would not occur.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed activities would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with the actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination" and is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Obadiah Broughton 11/15/2013

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.