

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; Distilled Solutions, LLC**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Distilled Solutions, LLC a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States, the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,893,540, entitled "High Temperature Peltier Effect Water Distiller," issued May 17, 2005, Navy Case No. 82,363.

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than March 25, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City, 110 Vernon Ave., Code CDL, Panama City, FL 32407-7001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Shepherd, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City, 110 Vernon Ave., Panama City, FL 32407-7001, telephone 850-234-4646, fax 850-235-5497, or [james.t.shepherd@navy.mil](mailto:james.t.shepherd@navy.mil).

**Authority:** 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.

Dated: March 2, 2010.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Process for Requesting a Variance From Vegetation Standards for Levees and Floodwalls**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** In the February 9, 2010 issue of the *Federal Register* (75 FR 6364), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), published its proposed update to its current process for requesting a variance from vegetation standards for levees and floodwalls for public comment. In that

notice, the Corps stated that written comments must be submitted on or before March 11, 2010. Instructions for submitting comments are provided in the February 9, 2010, *Federal Register* notice. In response to several requests, the Corps has decided to extend the public comment period to April 25, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Douglas J. Wade, Headquarters, Engineering and Construction Community of Practice, Washington, DC, at 202-761-4668.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

Dated: March 5, 2010.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program 2010 Annual Plan**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of report availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy announces the availability of the *2010 Annual Plan* for the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program on the DOE Web site at <http://management.energy.gov/FOIA/1480.htm> or in print form (see "Contact" below).

The *2010 Annual Plan* is in compliance with the *Energy Policy Act of 2005, Subtitle J, Section 999B(e)(3)* which requires the publication of this plan and all written comments in the *Federal Register*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Elena Melchert, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Mail Stop FE-30, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 or phone: 202-586-5600 or e-mail to [UltraDeepwater@hq.doe.gov](mailto:UltraDeepwater@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Executive Summary [Excerpted From the 2010 Annual Plan p. 3]**

This document is the *2010 Annual Plan* for the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program established pursuant to Title IX, Subtitle J (Subtitle J) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005

(EPAAct). Subtitle J is reproduced in Appendix A.

As required by Subtitle J, the Department of Energy (DOE) contracted with a consortium (Program Consortium) to administer three program elements identified in EPAAct: ultra-deepwater architecture and technology, unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources exploration and production technology, and technology challenges of small producers. A fourth program element of complementary research identified in EPAAct is being conducted by the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). NETL is also responsible for review and oversight of the Program Consortium.

In 2006, NETL awarded a contract to the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) to function as the Program Consortium.

The *2007 Annual Plan*, the first annual plan, resulted in a total of 15 solicitations from which 43 projects were selected. The *2008 Annual Plan* resulted in the selection of 29 projects. Implementation of the *2009 Annual Plan* includes 7 solicitations issued by the Program Consortium in October 2009, with selections anticipated in early 2010.

As further required by Subtitle J, in September 2009, two Federal advisory committees, the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee and the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee, began their respective reviews of the draft *2010 Annual Plan*. In October 2009, the two advisory committees provided their recommendations.

Section 999B(e)(3) of EPAAct requires DOE to publish all written comments received regarding the annual plan. Accordingly, the Program Consortium's 2010 draft Annual Plan is included here as Appendix B, and the comments and recommendations provided by the two Federal advisory committees are included here as Appendix C. No other written comments were received.

The *2010 Annual Plan* provides a comprehensive outline of the research activities planned for 2010. The primary focus of these activities is to fill in any technology gaps not adequately addressed by the projects and solicitations to date. A highlight of *2010 Annual Plan* is the attention that is being given to technology transfer.

Technology transfer is important to the success of this research program. Subtitle J requires 2.5% of the amount of each award to be designated for technology transfer activities. The Federal advisory committees have recommended that more information on