

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze and describe the potential environmental impacts associated with the:

University of Maine's
Deepwater Offshore Floating Wind Turbine Testing and
Demonstration Project
Gulf of Maine
DOE/EA 1792

DOE's Golden Field Office has prepared the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The University of Maine is proposing to use Congressionally directed Federal funding from DOE to design, fabricate, and temporarily deploy two 1/3-scale floating wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine, approximately 2 miles south of Monhegan Island. The draft EA is available for review on the following websites:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/golden/Reading_Room.aspx

Public comments on the EA's analysis and results of the environmental impacts of implementing the proposed action will be accepted until **June 9, 2011.** Please mail comments to the **DOE Golden Field Office**, c/o Laura Margason, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, or by email to laura.margason@go.doe.gov.