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Large Hydro - Niagara Falls





Large Hydro – Robert Moses Plant & Lewistown Pumping Station



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Small Hydro – distributed generation



Diversion weir – Canal Inlet



Fall River & Canal



Canal End – Penstock Entrance



1¹/₂ mi. subterranean Penstock



10 MW Fall River Plant in Fall River Canyon



Virtual Hydropower Potential Mapping – Gross Hydraulic Head



Verification of Synthetic Hydrography



Virtual Hydropower Potential Mapping – Gross Power Potential



$P(kW) = \kappa Q(cms)H(m)$

where P = annual average power Q = annual average flow rate H = gross hydraulic head



U.S. Feasible Potential Hydropower Sites





Brazilian UHE and PCH Potential Hydropower Sites





Potential Project Characteristics



• Reservoir area: 191 acres





Basic Project Feasibility







Virtual Hydropower Prospector do Brasil



Virtual Renewable Energy Prospector – U.S.

Typical features displayed

- Renewable energy features
 - Geothermal
 - Hydropower
 - Solar
 - Wind
- Hydrography (5 feature sets)
- Power system
 - Hydro plants
 - Other plants
 - Power lines
 - Substations
 - Dams
- Transportation
 - Roads
 - Railroads

- Areas and places
 - Cities
 - Populated areas
 - County boundaries
 - State boundaries
 - Hydrologic region boundaries
- Land Use
 - Excluded areas
 - Federally designated
 - Environmentally sensitive
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
 - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 - Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)
 - Department of Defense (DOD)
 - U.S. Forest Service (FS)
 - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)
 - U.S. National Park Service (NP)

Virtual Renewable Energy Prospector for Malawi

Water Energy Resources to be Mapped

Natural streams

- Potential energy systems
- Hydrokinetic technology
- **Constructed waterways** (canals, water supply, water treatment, industrial effluents)
 - Potential energy systems
 - Hydrokinetic technology
- Tidal estuaries
 - Hydrokinetic technology
- Ocean currents
 - Hydrokinetic technology
- Waves
 - Near-shore and off-shore

Hydrokinetic and Wave Technologies

Hydropower Resource Mapping & Renewable Energy Prospecting Tools

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Access to INL Prospector applications

- Virtual Hydropower Prospector U.S. http://hydropower.inl.gov/prospector/index.shtml
- Virtual Renewable Energy Prospector U.S. http://gis-ext.inl.gov/vrep
- Virtual Hydropower Prospector do Brasil http://hydropower.inl.gov/prospector-brazil/index.shtml
- Virtual Renewable Energy Prospector for Malawi http://arcgisserver.northwind-inc.com/vrepmalawi/