

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST

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To: American Made Network; U.S. National Laboratories; PV panel manufacturers; and Floating platform designers and integrators for floating photovoltaic systems.

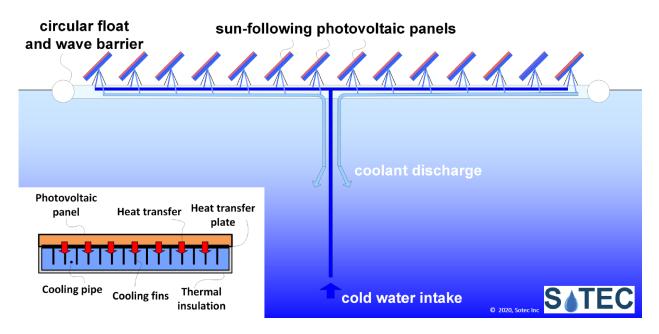
Re: Sotec Inc's development of water-cooling systems for floating photovoltaic systems

Background

Sotec, Inc, a US corporation, is developing water cooling systems as efficiency enhancements for floating photovoltaic systems. In the context of offshore floating platforms, cold seawater is drawn from depths where the water is <45 degrees F, serving as coolant, through a vertical pipe. In the context of floating platforms on inland or shallower bodies of water, a similar approach is used, sourcing the coldest available water, using a pipe of suitable length.

This development effort involves prototyping and testing modified commercially available PV panels with cooling systems added-on, development of customized PV panels, and development of coolant water supply subsystems for next-generation utility-scale floating PV systems. The image below illustrates two aspects of the innovations: Cooled PV panels, and the coolant sourcing system, in the context of a large floating platform (shown in crossection).

Cooling efficiency enhancements for floating photovoltaic systems



Assistance Requests

- 1) Lab space and workshop/machine shop space for prototype components development.
- 2) Contributed commercial PV panels to use as basis for prototyping add-on cooling.
- 3) Electrical efficiency testing equipment.
- 4) Design advisory services for detail design of complex piping and related structures.

5) Access to one licensed commercial seat of CAD software, such as SolidWorks, for purposes of detail design.

6) Subject matter expertise on floating photovoltaic systems.

7) Subject matter expertise on thermodynamics of PV panel performance.

8) Subject matter expertise on floating platform integration, and reference experience(s) with existing floating PV platform systems.

9) Subject matter expertise on marine corrosion.

Thank you for your consideration,

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