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Summary of Field Trip to the M3 Wave Facility

On May 14th, 2013 members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment toured the M3 Wave Facility on 10322 Liberty Road South, Salem, OR 97306 to learn more about wave energy and wave energy infrastructure. Representatives in attendance included Rep. Bailey, Boone, Dembrow, Vega Pederson, and Reardon along with Rep. McKeown from the Coastal Caucus. Additional attendees included Lt. Col. Kenneth Safe, Rick Williams, Chair of the Oregon Wave Energy Trust Industry Advisory Group and Legislative Aides for other committee members. The hosts of the tour were Jason Busch of OWET and Mike Morrow and Mike Delos-Reyes of M3 Wave.

The tour began with Jason Busch explaining the history of wave energy in Oregon along with the organizational background of OWET. Topics included the progress of wave energy research and development facilities and the creation of the Pacific Marine Energy Center (PMEC). PMEC will be the only North American testing facility to allow multiple wave energy technologies to be tested at any one time. Jason Busch concluded with an explanation of where the M3 Wave technology fits within the larger wave energy context. Next, Mike Morrow explained the history of M3 Wave along with how their technology worked. The tour concluded with questions from the attendees.