



The LIHI team wishes you all the best this holiday season, and a happy new year!

LIHI by the Numbers

In 2021, LIHI certified 11 new projects and recertified 27 projects. In total, there are 173 active LIHI Certificates across 292 facilities.

Overall, the dams & powerhouses are:

- In 24 states, on 99 rivers
- Include 4,210 MW of capacity
- Generate 16,230 GWh of electricity annually
- Steward over 1,100 miles of river



Certifications: What's New

Effective January 1, 2022, the following changes to the Certification process will be implemented:

- Terms will be extended from 5 years to 10 once a project is certified under the 2nd edition handbook.
- Annual compliance reviews will be enhanced, and certain events will trigger a recertification mid-term.
- Effective January 1, 2022, LIHI has added a graduated **minimum fee** schedule for small projects. The new fee levels are outlined [here](#).
- See all changes & clarifications to the Handbook [here](#).

Build Back Better Update

Due to hard work by proponents of the 21st Century Dams Act, a provision was included in the Senate draft of the Build Back Better plan. The provision would provide a 30% investment tax credit for environmental improvements at the nation's dams. Despite recent setbacks, we are hopeful that if the bill moves forward, this section will be retained if not expanded. To learn more about the work of those involved in the Uncommon Dialogue on Hydropower, River Restoration, and Public Safety, visit host Stanford's site [here](#).

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Julie Keil Scholarship

Congratulations to Elsie Brown, the 2021 recipient of the Julie Keil Scholarship Award!

Elsie is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Montana Technological University.

The Julie A. Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship fund seeks to honor Julie and her legacy by supporting women who aspire to a career in hydropower. Learn more [here](#).

News and Happenings

- **WPTO R&D Deep Dive Webinar: The Environmental Decision Support Toolkit and Relicensing:** [Register Here](#)
- **Infrastructure act will pump \$3B into nation's ailing dams:** [Construction Dive](#)
- **NJIT signs deal to purchase energy from hydro facilities:** [Water Power Magazine](#)
- **Dams, Rivers, and Drive-By Truckers: Songs That Explain The Challenge Of Sustainable Energy:** [Forbes](#)

