

Tennessee Organizations Partner with Philippine Department of Energy (DOE) to Provide Solar Lighting/Battery Charging Stations to Typhoon Relief Workers

Last week, 80 emergency power kits for the Typhoon Yolanda effected areas, each containing solar charging/lighting units with a portable radio, were delivered by the Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Council (TREEDC), Vis Solis and the Renewable Energy Association of the Philippines (REAP) to Department of Energy (DOE) Assistant Secretary Raymund Acol. According to TREEDC President/Ducktown, Tennessee Mayor James Talley, the power kits can now aid in the recovery efforts in the typhoon affected areas, and subsequently provide some off-grid households with a sustainable renewable energy resource after recovery. TREEDC International Consultant Douglas Jackson added that TREEDC member University of the Philippines-Visayas campus in Tacloban would receive some of these units, and that others may be sent to the Eastern Samar province area, as power on Leyte Island is expected to be restored much sooner than on Samar.

TREEDC Director Warren Nevad stated that these power kits were funded by Vis Solis, a Tennessee renewable energy based company that is developing world class solar electric systems in Tennessee and the Philippines. Vis Solis is a Platinum Founding Member of TREEDC and is assisting with TREEDC's International exchange Program in the Philippines with REAP which links educational awareness and social responsibility programs among Philippine and Tennessee cities, universities and businesses. Nevad also expressed his appreciation to Vis Solis Chief Operating Officer Tim Hayes and Assistant Secretary Acol for expediting delivery of these relief power kits.



Left to right: Oly Serafica, President of REAP, Raymund Acol, Dept. of Energy and Douglas Jackson, TREEDC International Consultant