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Triton System's Wave Energy Converter (WEC) uses an oscillating water column approach to provide small scale power to ocean observing and navigational buoys. Biofouling and corrosion are a major concern for all ocean-deployed components, especially when mechanical motion is involved. Triton Systems will collaborate with PNNL to evaluate seals, materials, and component performance in a controlled biofouling test environment. Results from this testing will be used to improve seal design and material selection, mitigating risk of premature failure during open water testing and evaluation.

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