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SUBJECT: October Energy Action Month

October is Energy Action Month. Ensuring that our forces have the energy they require is a fundamental enabler of our national security. The Department is committed to increasing energy security for the Warfighter because it underwrites our unique ability to train, rapidly deploy, employ, and sustain military forces around the globe.

We have made great strides over the last several years. We now include operational energy risks in our wargames, apply energy considerations in requirements for new systems, and are fielding improved equipment to increase capability and reduce operational risk. At our fixed installations, we have almost doubled the use of renewable energy since 2012 and become more efficient to both enhance resilience and reduce our operating costs. Despite this progress, we still face persistent risks to the delivery of energy in the form of climate change, rising costs, cyber threats, and anti-access/area denial weapons. Our ever-increasing reliance on energy underscores why it is a critical consideration in all we do. We need to build on our record of accomplishment, and each of us must continue to take an active role.

Thank you in advance for your support of this vital effort. For additional details on Energy Action Month activities, please visit: [http://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/OE/OE\\_EAM.html](http://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/OE/OE_EAM.html).

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