

## Energy Action Month Kicks Off with NDW Roundtable

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WASHINGTON – Naval District Washington (NDW) officially opened Energy Action Month with a roundtable meeting of naval and civilian leadership at the Washington Navy Yard Catering and Conference Center, Oct. 14.

Commanding officers and installation energy managers (IEMs) from each of regional installations convened with NDW and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) leaders to discuss the energy vision of creating sustainable energy culture, reducing energy costs and intensity, and improving readiness and mission support through more efficient and secure energy usage.



Jody Davenport, manager for the Shore Operations Center (ShOC), discusses the role of the ShOC in the overall Naval District Washington (NDW) energy program during a roundtable meeting at Washington Navy Yard, Oct. 14, to kick off Energy Action Month. Photo by Shawn Miller

Rear Adm. Mark Rich, NDW commandant, said a goal of the roundtable was to give tools and information to commanding officers to take back to their own installations to have meaningful conversations about energy.

"A culture of conservation, rather than a culture of consumption, is the first thing we need to get at," Rich said. "Our challenge is motivating the people who have an influence on how efficient we can be."

In December 2013, Rich released a comprehensive energy strategy for the NDW region focused on five core pillars: energy culture, energy information, energy efficiency, renewable energy and alternative fuels, and energy security.

Rich also encouraged energy leaders to host energy conservation boards at least twice a year to discuss energy, water and fuel consumption, as well as project planning, development and execution.

When seeking funding for energy projects at individual installations, Rich urged commanders and IEMs to be vocal and persistent to work toward achieving goals.

"Always look to engaging your stakeholders and making this a team effort to the maximum extent possible," he said. "That's where we're going to have success."

While discussing energy projects and metrics tracked over the last several years in the region, Capt. Tony Edmonds, NAVFAC Washington commanding officer, said the importance of the results was looking at where the region is heading in the future with energy goals and cost savings.

"There is a compelling basis for all of us to be laser-focused on being energy smart, saving energy, and saving resources," Edmonds said. "Funds saved here can be devoted to other even more important requirements."

As Energy Action Month was set to begin Oct. 1, NAVFAC Washington marked a milestone in late September as they awarded a \$27-million Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) at Naval Air Station Patuxent River focused on improving five major energy conservation measures at Webster Outlying Field, including upgraded lighting, ground source heat pump installation, water conservation measures, thermostats and controls replacement, and building envelope

upgrades.

At the roundtable, Edmonds noted the last ESPC awarded by the Navy occurred four years ago, and was also a project located within NDW. "We're continuing to lead the charge for the Navy, and bringing our partners and their money to the table so we can achieve the energy savings that we're interested in and that we need to go after," he said.

At the conclusion of the roundtable, Navy and civilian personnel from each of the regional installations were recognized for their continued work in support of awarding projects and contributing to the overall energy culture within NDW.

Highlighting the work of the IEMs, Edmonds said, "These are the folks for you to go to, to work with, and who continue to enable our success."

The goal of Energy Action Month is to educate, train and promote energy awareness throughout NDW by influencing energy culture and encouraging action. For more news and information on Energy Action Month, visit [www.facebook.com/NavDistWash](http://www.facebook.com/NavDistWash) or [www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/NDW](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/NDW) throughout October.