



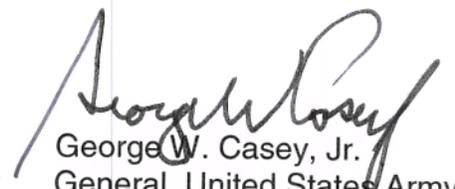
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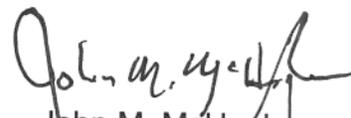
This month is “National Energy Awareness Month.” It is an opportunity for us to focus on the importance of energy security—especially in the context of our world’s increasing population and its effects on already-scarce energy resources.

In the Army, we must recognize that energy is not only a force multiplier, but also a vulnerability. Army installations, tactical operations and Soldier training all require secure and uninterrupted access to energy. Thus, the Army is actively supporting partnerships and private industry investments in clean energy technologies such as large-scale solar, wind and geothermal power sources to reduce our dependence on a single source of power. We have also updated our acquisition process to require that energy usage be considered in Army acquisition programs. These initiatives help in the return of more resources to our forward-deployed Soldiers by lowering operational vulnerability, improving Soldier effectiveness and reducing costs.

Changing how we view energy and re-doubling our efforts at increasing energy efficiencies will require an increased commitment and determination from each member of the Army community. The Army is fully committed to achieving and sustaining energy security. Improving our energy posture will enhance our global combat capability and ensure the necessary support for the Warfighter from our fixed installations.


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