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SUBJECT: Energy Awareness Month

For the Department of Defense, energy can serve as a force multiplier, providing range and endurance for our forces. It can also become a vulnerability, tethering our fighting forces to large logistics tails easily targeted by adversaries. Improving DoD's energy posture will enhance our combat capability in theater and support for combat capability at our fixed installations.

As part of Energy Awareness Month, the Department will host a weeklong event October 12-15 at the Pentagon focused on this year's DoD theme "Empowering Defense through Energy Security." The event will promote energy security initiatives across the Department. DoD-wide current and emerging energy technologies – from ways to extract greater capability from the energy we use to new sources of renewable energy – will be on display in the Pentagon Center Courtyard. The highlight of the week will be a DoD Energy Security Forum that will take place October 13 in the Pentagon Auditorium.

I am proud of our accomplishments in promoting energy awareness as evidenced by a 10 percent reduction in the Department's facilities energy intensity from 2003 to 2009. However, we can do more at home and in theater. By reducing the energy intensity of our equipment and facilities through more efficient operations and better energy integration into our acquisition processes, we can lower operational risk, improve Warfighter effectiveness, and reduce costs.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important effort. I encourage your active participation and support of the Energy Awareness Month activities and in the Department's efforts to improve our energy posture. My point of contact is Ms. Laura Montoya at 703-602-4469 or laura.montoya@osd.mil.

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