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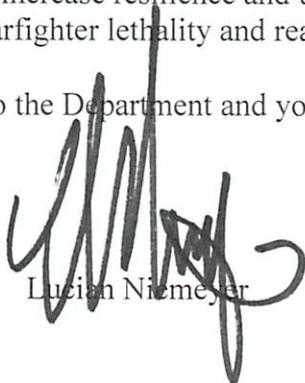
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SUBJECT: October – Energy Awareness Month

The President has proclaimed October as National Energy Awareness Month. As energy is a critical enabler to our Nation's ability to fight and win wars, I urge each member of the Department – military and civilian – to take stock of their daily activities to ensure our forces have assured access to energy.

Either at home or abroad, there are increasing risks to energy, including cyber attacks, anti-access/area-denial weapons, the tyranny of distance, and even severe weather. As a Department, we need to adapt how we use energy, harden our energy systems against kinetic and non-kinetic attacks, and rigorously assess our plans, concepts, and capabilities against these energy risks. Together, our efforts to increase resilience and unleash the Department from the tether of fuel will directly improve warfighter lethality and readiness.

Thank for your commitment to the Department and your support of this vital effort.



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