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SUBJECT: October 2019 – National Energy Awareness Month

The President has proclaimed October as National Energy Awareness Month. Energy is an essential enabler of military capability and the Department depends on resilient and cyber-secure energy to achieve its mission. Preparing for the battlefield of 2025 and sustaining resilient installations requires the assured delivery of cyber-secure fuel and power in contested environments against near-peer competitors. I urge each member of the Department – military and civilian – to focus on taking the steps necessary to ensure we can support critical missions around the globe.

As a Department, we must be prepared to respond to the growing risks to the energy underpinnings of defense missions. Through new and upgraded equipment, “black start” exercises at our bases, wargames, installation energy plans, and innovative third party financing of energy initiatives, we must continue to identify our critical energy needs, assess our risks, and aggressively enhance the energy resilience of our forces and facilities. Together, our efforts to enable resilient, efficient, and cyber-secure energy will directly improve warfighter lethality.

Thank you for your commitment to the Department and your support in these important efforts.

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