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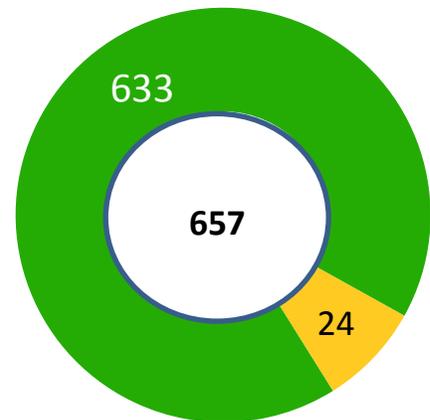


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Clearinghouse Accomplishments

- ▶ **Preliminary Review of Projects:**
 - **633 of 657:** Number of projects the DoD cleared as having No/Minor Impacts
 - **>20 Gigawatts:** estimated potential electrical generation capacity of the cleared projects
- ▶ **Mission Compatibility Evaluation Process:**
 - Interim Rule (32 CFR Part 211) published
 - Establishes open and transparent communications with state and local governments, industry, and the public
 - Defines “adverse impact on military operations and readiness” and “unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States”
- ▶ **Report to Congress:**
 - Describes Clearinghouse efforts to define mission impacts and establish validated mitigations
 - Summarizes efforts to proactively identify projects

Results: A Two-Year Backlog Cleared



- Cleared--Minor/No Impact
- Further Analysis Required--Impact Possible

Background

- ▶ **Economic Driver:** Renewable energy development is a core component of creating a clean energy economy
- ▶ **Mission Driver:** Ensure renewable energy development is compatible with military missions
- ▶ **Legislative Driver:** Section 358 of the FY2011 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
 - Sets tasks, parameters and deadlines for Clearinghouse actions
 - Designates a Senior Officer as the ONLY official in DoD who can determine that a project poses an “unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States”
- ▶ **Policy Driver:** Designation Memo:
 - Signed July 15, 2011 by Secretary of Defense
 - Designates the Deputy Secretary of Defense as the Senior Officer
 - Designates the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics) as the Senior Official
 - Designates the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment) as the lead organization with the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Readiness) and Director, Operational Test & Evaluation as Coordinating Offices

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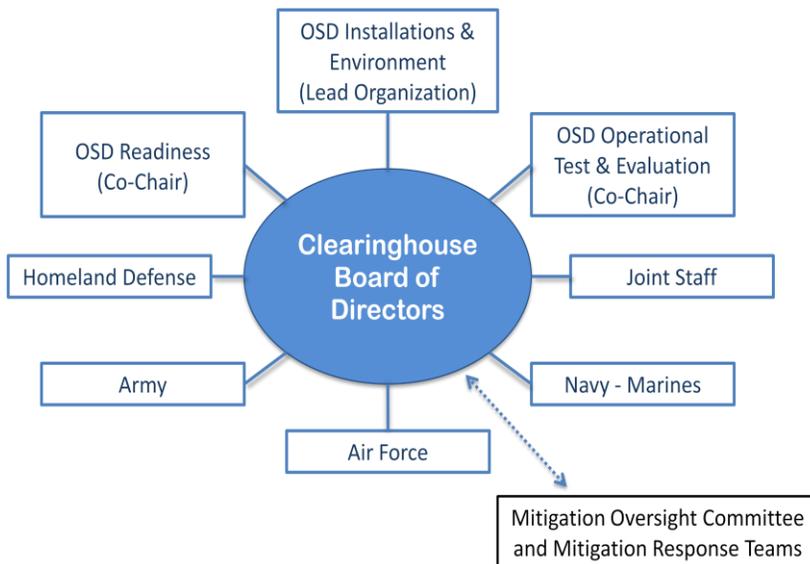
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Concept of Operations

▶ **A Single DoD Voice:**

- Timely, transparent, and repeatable process for protecting DoD missions while promoting national renewable energy policies and goals
- Parallel, multi-Service review
- Outreach and early consultation with industry, local, state, Indian Tribal, and Federal stakeholders
- Decisions based on empirical data and rigorous science
- Board of Directors providing oversight and guidance

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Issues

- ▶ **Clarifying the Intent of Congress:**
 - Expand FAA authority to include protection of test and training assets
 - Identify High Risk of Adverse Impact Zones
- ▶ **Develop Policy and Procedures**
 - Publish Final Rule
 - Publish DoD Instruction and Handbook

Way Ahead

- ▶ **Institutionalize Clearinghouse programs**
- ▶ **Develop project mitigation procedures and guidance**
- ▶ **Normalize Clearinghouse funding**
- ▶ **Maintain momentum**

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<http://www.acq.osd.mil/ie/siting.shtml>