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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
DEPUTY CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Energy Action Month

October is Energy Action Month. As the largest Federal consumer of energy by far, we must remain committed to energy efficiency and energy resilience. We must ensure not only the warfighter has energy where and when it is needed, but also that energy is used as efficiently as possible. In these difficult budget times, we must look for every opportunity to reduce the cost of doing business to ensure we have the resources we need to protect the nation.

I am proud of our past accomplishments in promoting energy action as evidenced by a 17 percent reduction in the Department's facilities energy intensity since FY2005. This reduction has helped the Department avoid ~\$1 billion in energy costs. However, more can be done. I ask that you all consider energy efficiency and conservation in every aspect of our professional and personal activities and encourage our personnel to do the same. The simple things like paying attention to climate control in our buildings and homes, turning off lights and computers when they are not in use and using energy efficient appliances can yield significant savings in both energy and dollars.

To demonstrate the Department's commitment to energy action, the Pentagon and the Mark Center, two of DoD's largest flagship buildings in the National Capital Region, will implement several energy conservation measures during October to include, lowering light levels to emergency lighting only in common areas of the Pentagon and Mark Center where daylight is abundant. Turning off 5,000 hallway lights in the Pentagon this October alone will save enough energy to power 100 American homes for an entire month! The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment will also host energy awareness webinars. For a schedule, go to <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ie/EAM.shtml>.

Let this Energy Action Month be a reminder that enhancing the Department's energy resilience saves lives and improves warfighting effectiveness, and that every Service member and Civilian plays an important role. Thank you in advance for your support of this important effort and I encourage your active participation and support of Energy Action Month activities at our military installations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Kendall", is positioned above the printed name.

Frank Kendall