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FROM: Edward T. (Tom) Morehouse, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (OEPP)

SUBJECT: FY 2014 Operational Energy Budget Certification Report

- In January 2013, the Honorable Sharon E. Burke submitted an interim memo to your predecessor certifying that the fiscal year 2014 budget was adequate to meet the goals of the Department of Defense Operational Energy Strategy, as required by 10 USC 138c. The goal of the strategy is to ensure that U.S. forces will have the energy they require to conduct the full range of military missions, today and in the future. This memo is my follow-on certification statement, now that I have had a chance to review the 2014 budget in greater detail.
- For FY 2014, the Department budgeted approximately \$2.6B for operational energy initiatives. In collaboration with CAPE, Comptroller, and the Services, I am able to certify that in the President's Budget, all of the Services are funding at an adequate level, albeit with some room for improvement in the Army, Air Force, and Navy. The Marine Corps demonstrates an adequate commitment across all categories of review. The attached report provides details on the Department's operational energy initiatives and my concerns.
- While I am certifying Service budgets, I am very concerned that, as a consequence of the Budget Control Act, the budget sequester in 2013 may affect a number of the operational energy initiatives. Even as sequester impacts have been reduced as a result of the 2014 Bipartisan Budget Agreement (BBA), the possibility of across-the-board cuts remain for these energy efforts, which are designed to improve warfighting capabilities, lower risks to fielded forces, and cut costs for current and future missions.
- Concurrence with the report was received from OUSD (Comptroller), OD (CAPE), OASD (LA), OGC, and OUSD(AT&L)/ARA.

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