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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS,
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (ENERGY,
INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT, AND ENERGY)
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: Energy Resilience Tabletop Exercise (ERTTX) Framework

As stated in the National Defense Strategy, the velocity and variety of global threats continues to evolve, and we must anticipate attacks and mitigate risks to our critical defense, government, and economic infrastructure. The homeland is no longer a sanctuary, and maintaining energy resilience is critical to the Department's readiness.

Title 10, United States Code, section 2911(a) requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure the readiness of the armed forces for their military missions by pursuing energy security and energy resilience. Further, section 2911(b)(2) requires the Secretaries of the Military Departments to perform mission assurance and readiness assessments of energy power systems for mission critical assets and supporting infrastructure, applying uniform mission standards established by the Secretary of Defense.

To support the effective execution of Title 10 requirements, my office has compiled best practices and developed the enclosed Energy Resilience Tabletop Exercise (ERTTX) Framework. This framework is structured to help integrate long-duration power disruption scenarios into regular assessment and exercise programs, and for those who are seeking a useful tool when black start exercises cannot be performed due to operational constraints.

My office will continue to maintain this framework as a "living document" to incorporate insights as additional assessments are conducted. DoD Components are encouraged to use this framework as a guide to plan and conduct their own assessments and exercises.

Please direct all questions regarding this document to Dr. Ariel Castillo, who can be reached at (571) 372-6830. Thank you for your continued support.

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Attachment:
As stated