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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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THRU: ACTING UNDER SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE (AT&L) *[Signature]*

FROM: Sharon E. Burke (ASD, Operational Energy Plans & Programs) *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2013 Operational Energy Preliminary Budget Certification

As part of my authorities under 10 USC 138c, I am required to review DoD's proposed annual budget and report to you by January 31st whether the budget is adequate for meeting the goals of the *Operational Energy Strategy*, which DoD released in June 2011. The goal of the strategy is to improve the energy security of military operations by reducing the demand for energy, increasing and securing supplies, and building energy security into the future force.

Given my preliminary evaluation, I can now certify that each DoD Component's proposed FY13 budget is adequate. My findings are based on the revised Program Objective Memorandum (POM) submissions and adjustments noted in the Resource Management Decisions, as well as the recommendations of a Certification Advisory Working Group, with representatives from my office, Comptroller, Cost Assessment & Program Evaluation, the Joint Staff, the Services, and the Defense Logistics Agency. I anticipate continuing to certify the budgets as adequate and intend to provide you with a more detailed final report in March.

The FY13 Operational Energy Budget Certification is the second certification effort and the process differed somewhat from last year, most significantly in that I evaluated each Component's POM submissions against the *Operational Energy Strategy* and associated implementation plan.

The preliminary assessment showed that DoD budgeted approximately \$1.4B for operational energy initiatives and approximately \$11.9B for fuel purchases in FY13. Strengths of this budget include: innovation initiatives for both demand reduction and supply expansion across the Components; policies for incorporating energy security into requirements and acquisitions; and an increased emphasis on incorporating operational energy into policy, doctrine, Professional Military Education, and Combatant Command activities. Areas of concern include: the measurement of operational energy consumption of the ground and rotary wing fleets; the development and implementation of the tools and systems to incorporate energy security into requirements and acquisition; and the improvement of the energy performance of the legacy and future ground and fixed-wing fleets.

In a recent memo to our forces in Afghanistan, General Allen wrote: "Operational energy is about improving combat effectiveness...increasing our forces' endurance, being more lethal, and reducing the number of men and women risking their lives moving fuel." The FY13 budget will help DoD realize these goals for our forces in the fight today and for future missions.

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