The Department of Defense has made great strides since the 2010 establishment of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs. Most recently, the office released DoDD 4180.01 “DoD Energy policy.” The Department will use this Directive to advance energy security, mitigate costs, and enhance military capability through energy improvements in the years ahead.

It is equally important to recognize the role that energy has played in the military operations of the past. The accompanying infographic outlines several examples of this. From Napoleon to World War II, operational energy has contributed to both military defeat and military success.

This graphic is one of a continuing series that examines the themes and activities of operational energy. Please contact us at osd.operational-energy@mail.mil with suggestions and ideas for future graphics.

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