In a memorandum to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians of United States Forces-Afghanistan, General David Petraeus writes that operational energy “is the lifeblood of our warfighting capabilities and a key enabler of Coalition operations in Afghanistan.” General Petraeus also announced the establishment of an office dedicated to improving operational capabilities through changes in energy usage and draws a link between smart energy management and enhanced security. Read the full memorandum below.
5. Changing the way we use operational energy will lighten the logistics burden, minimize tactical distractions to the mission, and deny easy targets to the adversary. As we have demonstrated in Afghanistan, the initiative, commitment, and capability of Coalition forces give us unparalleled advantages. By reducing demand for fuel, we will improve operational capability, reduce risk to our forces, and, ultimately, strengthen our security.

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