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Mr. Thompson, a member of the Senior Executive Service, began serving as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment (EI&E) in March 2024. In this role, he is the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (EI&E) for all matters relating to operational and facility energy; installations real property planning, operations, and sustainment; environment protection, compliance, and restoration; natural, historical and cultural resources; and accompanied and unaccompanied military housing.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Thompson served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment. His previous Executive assignments include the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations, Energy, and Facilities, Director, Strategy and Future Requirements for Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC).

Mr. Thompson, a native of Havre de Grace, Md., enlisted in the Navy in 1988, received his commission in 1998, and retired from Naval service in 2009. His sea tours included DDG-5, BB-61, DDG-46, CG-17, AOR-4, LHD-1, and DDG-77. His shore tours included Instructor, Newport, RI; Battle Watch, Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, Djibouti; Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL; and Security Officer, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

