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Energy Resilience: Sustain the Mission / Secure the Future

October is Energy Action Month, and this year's theme, "Energy Resilience: Sustain the Mission / Secure the Future," reinforces the importance of energy resilience, or uninterrupted access to energy, to Army readiness and supporting critical missions. The Army is the largest consumer of installation energy in the DoD, spending more than \$1 billion per year on facility energy. Our installations rely, with few exceptions, on local utility, off base energy sources for power. We need resilient, energy independent installations to ensure our Soldiers are trained and ready to deploy, fight and win our Nation's conflicts.

Threats, both man-made and natural, including climate change, associated with the interdependent electric power grids can jeopardize mission capabilities. We can't afford to lose power.

Energy is directly related to climate change, and climate change is a recognized national security threat. As the Army mitigates and adapts to climate change, we gain a strategic advantage. As we progress toward the Army of 2028 - when the Army fields the first multi-domain operations capable force - we must increase our installation energy resilience in order to anticipate and withstand future threats. Carbon-free energy is critical to accomplishing energy resilience.

Our installations, where our Soldiers work, train, and live, serve as power projection platforms and enable the modern force to operate in a changing environment. As technology has evolved, so has our Army, and so must our installations. This includes promoting energy efficiency, developing technologies to advance energy goals, and increasing reliance on non-carbon energy sources as central components of the Army's Climate Strategy. Together, we will help make the Army a 21st Century Energy Leader.

During October, we focus on energy. By taking action and making informed energy decisions, we can ensure the Army has the Power to Win.

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