



## Energy Action Month – Energy Resilience Enables Army Readiness

October is Energy Action Month and this year's theme of "Energy Resilience Enables Army Readiness" reinforces the vital role energy and water play in supporting the Army's multi-domain operations. The Army is focusing on warfighter readiness – ensuring our Soldiers have the tools they need to deploy, fight, and win.

The Army's ability to accomplish its mission of protecting U.S. national security interests at home and abroad depends on secure, uninterrupted access to energy. However, Army assets are increasingly at risk for natural, physical, and cyber threats and must be able to withstand disruption in electricity, fuel, and water supplies.

Modernizing installation and operational energy programs enables the Army to build a more lethal force. Multi-domain dominance starts on our installations and community-based Army National Guard and Army Reserve Centers. Installations organize, train, equip, and deploy our Soldiers, and cannot execute these missions without a reliable supply of energy and water.

To ensure multi-domain dominance, the Army is reforming how we assess energy requirements by defining the needs of critical missions with Installation Energy and Water Plans and exercising installation resilience.

Army equipment must be able to operate in more austere environments and go longer without resupply. For operational energy, the Army is focusing on expanding capabilities, increasing range, and reducing consumption to advance warfighting capabilities and increase Soldier mobility.

In Fiscal Year 2018, the Army spent more than \$1.1 billion on installation energy. Commands at all levels must prioritize energy resilience to enable Army readiness and reduce consumption. By taking action and making informed decisions, we possess the power to reduce energy consumption and improve resilience. During October, it is everyone's responsibility to become energy aware, and to apply this knowledge throughout the year. We urge the entire Army to remain mindful of energy use, reduce consumption, and promote energy awareness.

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