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SUBJECT: Leadership in Environment, Energy and Economic Performance

On October 5, 2009, President Obama signed Executive Order 13514, "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance," challenging agencies to lead by example to achieve greater sustainability. Among other goals, the Executive Order directs agencies to reduce energy consumption, expand the use of alternative and renewable energy sources, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

The Department of Defense is the largest government consumer of energy. Therefore, our commitment to this national effort is critical. The goals of the Executive Order are consistent with our defense mission because climate change, petroleum-based energy dependence, and national security are interrelated global challenges.

I have designated the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics as the Department's Senior Sustainability Official. In this capacity, the Under Secretary will establish a Sustainability Steering Committee to guide DoD sustainability efforts and complete the Department's Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan by June 2, 2010, as required by the Executive Order.

I am counting on your leadership and support to demonstrate that mission accomplishment and a sustainable environment go hand in hand.



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