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SUBJECT: Establishment of the Air Force Office of Energy Assurance

America's Air Force: A Call to the Future challenges our Air Force to be agile and inclusive. These tenets apply to installation energy resources.

Air Force installations are critical to Air Force and joint military operations around the world, with a networked total force requiring uninterrupted access to electricity to fulfill missions. More resilient, cleaner, cost-effective energy resources will play a vital role in providing mission assurance through energy assurance for the Air Force. Strategic energy agility relates directly to the Air Force's priorities of balancing today's readiness with tomorrow's modernization and making every dollar count.

Effective with this memorandum, we are directing the establishment of the Air Force Office of Energy Assurance (AF-OEA), which will serve as a central management office dedicated to strategic energy and resiliency. The AF-OEA will develop, implement, and oversee an integrated facility energy portfolio, including privately-financed, large-scale renewable and alternative energy projects as well as direct Air Force investments. The AF-OEA will leverage partnerships with the Army's Office of Energy Initiatives and the Navy's Renewable Energy Program Office.

The AF-OEA shall not add any new headquarters personnel, and its success will depend on the support and engagement of existing offices, personnel, and resources throughout the Air Force. We expect representatives from the operational and installation support communities to work closely with AF-OEA. Through this inclusive process, the AF-OEA will position the Air Force to focus on energy resiliency while meeting the statutory goal that 25 percent of our energy comes from renewable sources by 2025, as well as the President's goal that the Air Force deploy one gigawatt of renewable energy by 2025.

SAF/IE, AF/A4, AFMC/AFIMSC are the proponents for this effort and will incorporate the provisions of this directive into the appropriate administrative publications as soon as possible.

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