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MEMORANDUM FOR AIR AND SPACE PROFESSIONALS

FROM: SAF/IE
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SUBJECT: Energy Awareness Month – October 2020

Energy resilience is critical to our readiness and mission capability. In October, we recognize Energy Awareness Month to highlight the importance of energy-informed decisions at all levels, and the operational benefits our energy initiatives bring to our installations, our missions, and to our Airmen and Space Professionals. The observance theme for 2020 is: “Energy Able, Mission Capable.”

The complexity of our battlefield is increasing exponentially, therefore ensuring a safe, reliable, and resilient supply of power and fuel is foundational to our ability to accomplish our global mission set. Therefore, we must be prepared to defend our networks and supply chains, decisively respond when an event occurs, and sustain the fight.

To this end, wargaming efforts, black start exercises, mission thread analyses, installation energy plans, optimized fuel planning, and modern technologies to reduce drag, extend range, and increase loiter time have resulted in greater awareness of our operational energy challenges and the investments needed to address vulnerabilities. These diverse projects have had a significant positive impact to overall mission capability and increased warfighter lethality. Your continued and proactive engagement is essential for enhancing energy resilience and promoting conservation in your daily duties, facilities, and local community.

Thank you for your continued dedication and your support for our energy resilience initiatives.


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