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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fuel Conservation

1. The attached September 13, 2005, memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of Defense requests that the Department of the Army, as well as all Department of Defense (DoD) employees, take immediate measures that will save fuel as a result of gasoline shortages caused by Hurricane Katrina. This request is consistent with Executive Order 13123 (June 3, 1999) and the Energy Act of 2005, which directs DoD to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and improve the management of energy use.
2. Additionally, the Army Energy Strategy for Installations, issued on July 8, 2005, further emphasizes the requirement to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels through the elimination of wasteful practices. Despite a decade of steady reduction in energy use, the past 15 months have shown a disturbing trend of increased energy and fuel consumption by the Army.
3. Commanders and Directors of Army Agencies must take an aggressive stance to reduce this energy growth trend and to limit rising energy expenses. As an initial step, Commanders must reduce the use of non-tactical sport utility vehicles, which should be phased out as current leases expire, in all but the most highly justified instances.
4. Request all Army organizations and agencies fully embrace the need to conserve energy. Additionally, Major Commands should develop and implement specific measures to enhance energy conservation.

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The President of the United States asked America to conserve fuel to alleviate the temporary fuel shortages caused by the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Katrina. The Gulf region represents a significant percentage of the Nation's production and refining capacity, and the destruction has caused a major drop in the normal flow of gasoline through the system.

This situation is serious and our government needs the Department's help. I am requesting the Military Departments, Defense agencies, and all DOD employees to take measures that will ultimately save fuel. The following types of actions should be considered:

- a. Minimize all non-essential fuel consumption.
- b. Maximize use of aviation and ground combat simulators.
- c. Shutdown equipment and secondary systems promptly after each mission to prevent unnecessary idling.
- d. Review training and administrative missions to ensure maximum benefits. Defer discretionary travel where possible.

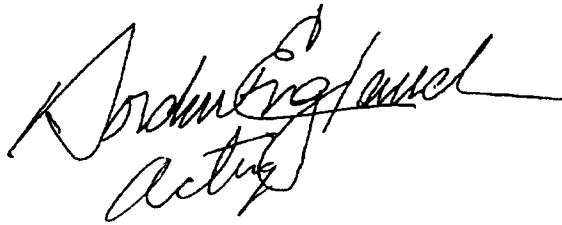
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- e. Initiate energy-conservation practices on our installations.
- f. Use mass transportation and carpools to the maximum extent possible.

There are hundreds of examples of important steps we can take to reduce fuel use. I encourage the Department to seek and implement other possible prudent measures to save fuel and share ideas via the Web. It is vital we take these actions now to give the Gulf region's refinery capability an opportunity to be restored. This request is in effect until further notice.



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