

Reestablish the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations, Energy & Environment

REQUEST

Installations, Energy & Environment are issues too broad and complex to be included into a separate Senate confirmable OSD office. Military housing, PFOA/PFOS contamination, installation resilience and the importance of community partnerships critical to addressing these issues are fundamental to national security and require an independent, senate-confirmable position within OSD. It is ADC's position that Congress supports the following:

- » Reestablishment of an OSD, Senate-confirmable office responsible for only installations, energy & environment

BACKGROUND

The former office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment ASD (EI&E) oversaw a broad portfolio of programs all designed to provide military installations with world-class infrastructure, training ranges, operational and installation energy, clean water and environmental policies as well as a direct link to the communities and states that host military installations. Critical budgetary, policy, and management oversight responsibilities include:

- » Acquisition and use of operational and installation energy to support warfighting and base operations, which encompasses energy security, increased energy efficiency, and promotion of renewable energy sources;
- » \$880 billion real property portfolio which encompasses more than 500 installations, 562,000 buildings, including privatized military housing, and structures, as well as 25 million acres;
- » Protection of military training ranges, installation-community compatible development, environmental protections and other critical military-community partnerships
- » Installations support management to invest in DoD facilities, Base Realignment and Closure efforts;
- » and the Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health (ESOH) activities, which include legal compliance, natural and cultural resource management, and environmental cleanup of hazardous waste and munitions.

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