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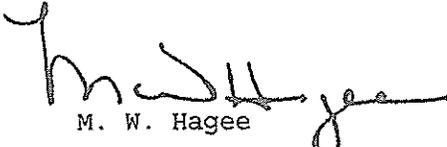
Subj: ENERGY CONSERVATION

1. The Energy Policy Act signed in August 2005 established a mandate to reemphasize energy use stewardship. This legislation and Presidential directives set reduction goals designed to optimize operation and life-cycle investment in DoD facilities. The 2004 Defense Installations Strategic Plan and our own Installations Strategic Plan identify energy reduction goals as important strategies for cost effective support of training and mission execution.

2. It will take a long-term, day-to-day commitment, but we will make every effort to meet established goals and requirements. Our primary goal is to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent (from a 2003 baseline) in buildings by 2016. We must minimize use of electricity and petroleum and natural gas fuels, and maximize the thermal efficiency of buildings. Initiatives at the field and headquarters levels to identify, plan, program and support energy conservation efforts are critical to success.

3. The necessary tools are in place. While alternative financing (e.g., Energy Savings Performance Contracts) is the primary source of capital to fund energy conservation projects, we also need to use and take advantage of all funding sources at our disposal, including the Energy Improvement Program and the Energy Conservation Investment Program. Disciplined use of our infrastructure and continued demolition of old, energy inefficient facilities will also contribute to energy savings.

4. Energy conservation is key to the efficient and cost effective operation of Marine Corps facilities. As stewards of our Nation's precious resources, we must efficiently operate and sustain facilities entrusted to our care. It will take nothing less than an active leadership role to achieve the mandated savings. Your support is the key to success as we continue to promote energy awareness and conservation at every level.


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