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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS,  
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POLICY

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Sustainable Buildings Policy

Pursuant to the requirements of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007, the Energy Policy Act (EPAct) of 2005, and Executive Orders (EO) 13423 and 13514, as well as the Guiding Principles for High Performance and Sustainable Buildings (Guiding Principles), it is DoD policy to site, design, build, operate, maintain, re-use, and demolish facilities in a sustainable manner to: 1. minimize the resources they consume (e.g., fossil fuel, water, materials, and funding); 2. maximize the benefits they provide (e.g., mission effectiveness, morale, and comfort); and 3. minimize the wastes they generate (e.g., solid waste, wastewater, and air pollution). DoD Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 1-200-02, *High Performance and Sustainable Building Requirements*, defines the minimum requirements for planning, design and construction, renovation, repair, maintenance and operation, and equipment installation in new and existing facilities in support of these policy goals. A building that meets the UFC requirements shall be considered compliant with the requirements of law and the Guiding Principles.

DoD Components are responsible for establishing an auditable process to ensure applicable new buildings and major renovations meet requirements as defined in the UFC. The auditable process shall include green-building certification of those facilities through any of the systems approved for federal use pursuant to section 436(h) of EISA, and appropriate documentation in the Component's real property information management system (i.e., an RPA Sustainability Code of "1").

Although UFC 1-200-02 sets minimum standards for sustainable buildings, Components are authorized to pursue greater energy and water efficiency if the greater efficiency can be shown to: 1. reduce total ownership cost of the facility; or 2. preserve or increase mission effectiveness in the face of projected resource scarcity (e.g., competition for limited water resources, or more stringent wastewater discharge limits).

This policy supersedes DoD Sustainable buildings policy, dated Oct 25, 2010. Each DoD Component is responsible to develop guidance in support of this policy. My point of contact is Lt Col Keith Welch, at 571-372-6889, [keith.a.welch3.mil@mail.mil](mailto:keith.a.welch3.mil@mail.mil).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Conger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "John" and "Conger" being capitalized and prominent.

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