

Troy Warshel Director of Operations from the office of ASD for Operational Energy Plans and Programs (OEPP) provided an update on DoD initiatives to support the implementation of global energy demand reduction by U.S. Forces worldwide. OEPP will focus in three thrust areas; Engage the Operational Energy (OE) Community, Support the Fielding of OE Solutions and most critical, Insure Energy is available for Critical Missions. Community Engagement will begin at the top working with Combatant Commanders on operational energy governance, Structured Theater Security through Cooperative Planning and facilitating participation in Energy Demand Reduction through Community of Practice activities. OEPP will continue to assess Operational Needs Statements, prioritize efforts and assist with formal funding. They will track emerging near term solutions from the Services and Industry experimentation and demonstration programs. They will also seek out non-materiel solutions that tend to be simpler to implement and less costly to deploy. OEPP will continue their stewardship role to improve the understanding of OE issues and report their findings to the broader community. Understanding the global energy infrastructure that supports DoD missions is a key tenant to insure energy is available for critical missions. Efforts are underway to assess risks to critical infrastructure utilized to globally generate and distribute energy. Work with an array of agencies and industry partners are key elements to achieve long term improvements in this area. Finally implementation of smart grid technologies will increase the resilience of critical capabilities and demand management/reduction programs will enhance military missions.

