

## The DoD Siting Clearinghouse

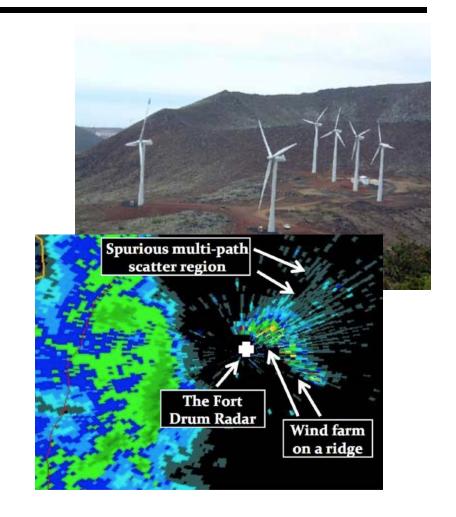


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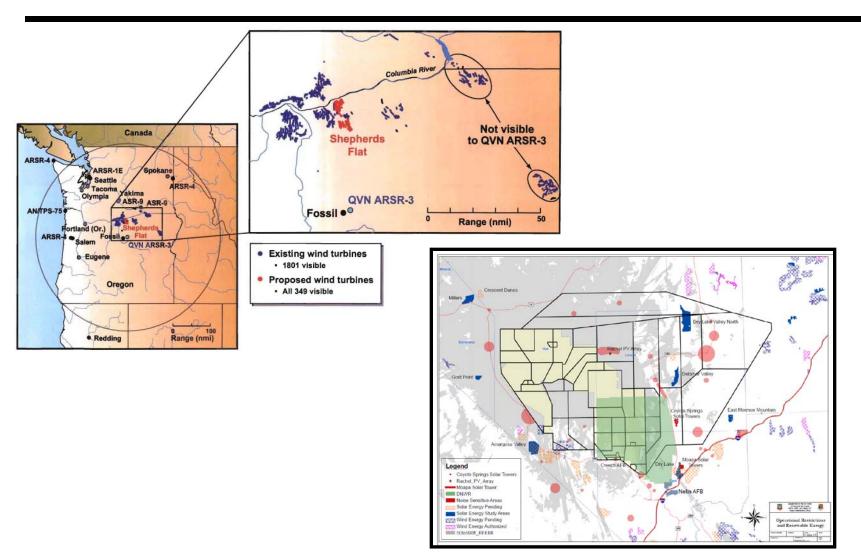
# The Nexus of National Security & Renewable Energy

- Unintended Consequences
  - Rapid development of renewable technologies
  - Rapidly changing military technology research & development
- Existing Policy and Processes
  - Not up to date with changing technologies
  - Land use decision-making authorities fragmented across all levels of government





### From Nellis to Shepherds Flat: Congressional Push for Action





# Congressional Response – FY2011 NDAA, Section 358

- Section 358 "Study Of Effects Of New Construction Of Obstructions On Military Installations And Operations"
  - Integrated review process
  - 180-day backlog assessment
  - Identification of mitigation options
  - Comprehensive strategy for addressing military impacts of projects
  - Limited authority to object to projects
  - Ability to accept voluntary contributions for mitigation





# 32 CFR Part 211: Mission Compatibility Evaluation Process

- Establishes general procedures on how DoD reviews and comments on applications filed pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 44718
- Provides information on how developers, local officials, or members of the public can engage the Clearinghouse for early consultation on projects
- Will serve as the foundation for a formal DoD Instruction
- Published in Federal Register on October 20, 2011
  - Comment period ends December 19, 2011



## DoD Siting Clearinghouse— Concept of Operations

#### A Single DoD Voice

- Parallel Multi-Service Review
- Timely, Repeatable, Predictable Process
- Promote compatibility between renewable energy & military mission operations
- Oversight and coordination of mitigation negotiation
- Decisions based on empirical data and rigorous science
- Outreach & early consultation with industry, local, state, and Federal stakeholders
- NOT a replacement for OE/AAA,
   NTIA, or NEPA





### DoD Siting Clearinghouse— CONOPs continued

#### Impact Analysis & Tools

- Projects assessed by all DoD Components across core missions
- Evaluation Criteria:
  - Green: Minor to no impact on military operations
  - Yellow: Major impact: to military operations but mitigation is possible
  - Red: Major impact to military operations that cannot be reasonably mitigated
- Mission Compatibility Awareness Tool (MCAT)
- Operational Impact Assessment Tools
- Preliminary Review: 30 days
- Final Decision: DepSecDef

3 x 3 Impact Analysis Matrix			
	Minor or No Impact	Major Impact, Mitigation Possible	Major Impact, Mitigation NOT Possible
Training & Readiness			
LRR & Surveillance			
Test & Evaluation			





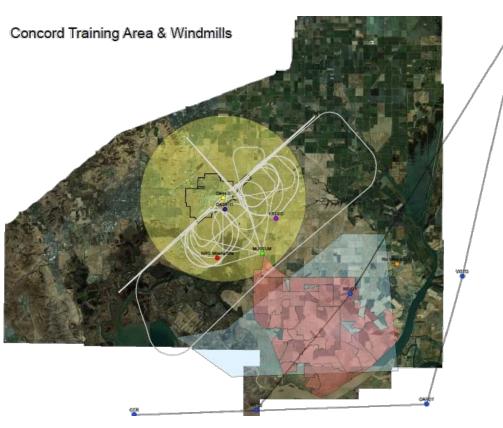
# **Early Success:**



- 249: Number of projects delayed due to DoD concerns prior to passage of Section 358 in the FY2011 NDAA
- **229**: Number of projects the DoD Siting Clearinghouse and DoD Components found have minor/no impact on military missions
- 20: Number of projects that may have adverse impacts on military missions and require additional analysis to determine if mitigation is possible
- >10: gigawatts of mission-compatible renewable energy electrical generation capacity (6300+ turbines, 30 solar projects)



### Model for Success



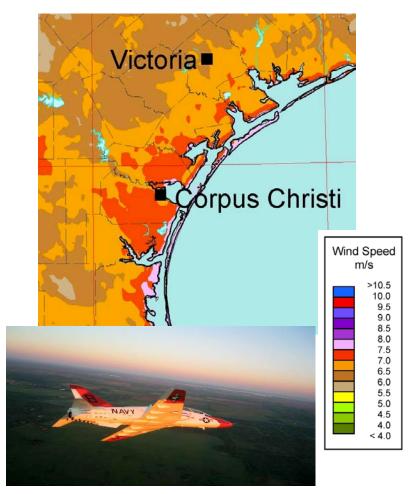
#### Travis AFB CRADA

- Siting of Turbines created radar tracking issues
- Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)
- Multiple Partners including Air Force, utility provider, wind developer, and consultants, plus multiple supporting organizations
- Sensor fusion greatly reduces radar interference
- A partnership is in place to better address future siting issues



### South Texas Model

- At least 6 onshore, 2 offshore projects built or proposed
- Multiple impacts on Navy radars and training
- FAA controllers and radar also impacted
- OSD and Dept of Navy team is reaching out to developers





## Mitigation Response Teams

- Evaluate mitigation options for projects that were deemed to have an impact on military operations, and negotiate implementation with industry and other stakeholders
- Comprised of representatives from all affected DoD Components
- Report to the Mitigation Oversight Committee – Senior Staff from all Clearinghouse Components.







## Research & Development

- Wind-Radar Interagency Field Test & Evaluation
  - Multi-agency partnership led by DOE, DoD, DHS, &
     FAA
    - Through MIT Lincoln Labs and Sandia National Laboratory
    - RFI Closes October 31, 2011
  - Multiple Off-The-Shelf Technologies
    - Baseline radar systems, including air traffic control and homeland defense
    - Test multiple OTS mitigation technologies
    - Tests begin April 2012
- DHS-led Radar Modeling Tool Development
  - Goal: Improve modeling of the effects of wind-turbines on radar systems
  - Focus primarily on Raytheon CARSR & ARSR-11
  - Two-year program expecting December 2012 delivery
  - 3-dimensional models for scatter, clutter and false targets.







# **DoD Energy Partnerships**







#### Multiple Goals

- Energy Security
- National Renewable Energy Goals
- Mission Sustainability

#### Multiple Authorities:

- Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)
  - Up to 30 years 10 U.S.C. § 2922a
- Enhanced Use Lease (EUL)
  - Consistent with 10 U.S.C § 2662 and 10 U.S.C § 2911
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs)
- Utility Energy Service Contracts (UESCs)
- Contracts signed by Services/Installations

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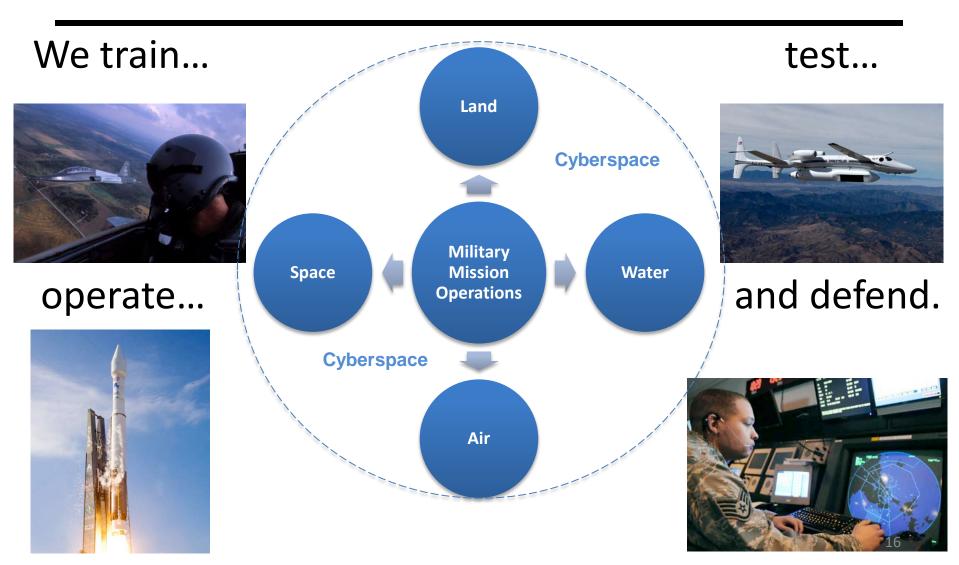
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# **Backup Slides**



### America's Military Missions





#### **Lessons Learned**

- DoD's Response Inadequate
  - Case-by-case basis, steep learning curve, slow responses to requests for review
  - Uneven coordination among installations /Services
  - No single voice
- RESULT: Confusion, Delay, and Frustration for All
   Stakeholders and extensive Congressional interest





# Renewable Energy: Driving the DoD Siting Clearinghouse

#### A Single DoD Voice

- Timely, repeatable, and predictable process that promotes compatibility between energy independence and military capabilities: two key facets of national security
- Most projects will be reviewed and cleared by Services in 30 – 45 days
- Only projects with significant impacts or that need multi-Service coordination will receive full Clearinghouse attention



### Annual Report to Congress

- Provides an overview of all DoD Siting Clearinghouse activities to implement provisions of Section 358 of the FY2011 NDAA
- The first DoD Siting Clearinghouse Report to Congress includes:
  - Results of the preliminary review
  - Efforts to assess risks associated with the loss/modification of military training routes and the quantification of such risks
  - Interagency efforts to assess the risks associated with solar power and similar systems as to the effects of glint on military readiness
  - Efforts for evaluating the risks associated with electromagnetic interference on military readiness, test, and evaluation
  - DoD's approach to prescreening applications
  - Request for legislative clarification on intent of law



## DoD Siting Clearinghouse— Board of Directors

