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Enhancing the Army's Global Mission Effectiveness Through Net Zero

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Net Zero





•<u>Net Zero INSTALLATION</u>: Applies an integrated approach to management of energy, water, and waste to capture and commercialize the resource value and/or enhance the ecological productivity of land, water, and air. Net Zero ENERGY: An installation that produces as much energy on-site as it uses, over the course of a year.

- <u>Net Zero WATER:</u> Limits the consumption of freshwater resources and returns water back to the same watershed so not to deplete the groundwater and surface water resources of that region in quantity or quality.
- <u>Net Zero WASTE</u>: An installation that reduces, reuses, and recovers waste streams, and converts them to resource values with zero solid waste to landfills.



Net Zero Installations





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Net Zero Energy



A Net Zero ENERGY Installation is

an installation that produces as much energy on-site as it uses over the course of a year.

Goals/Elements

- Enhance mission effectiveness
- Contribute to energy security
- Increase energy efficiency and conservation
- Integrate energy into master planning
- Preference for use of renewable energy for on-site power; enables operation if grid goes down
- Must address redundant energy supply sources
- Reduce dependence on fossil fuels
- Behavioral change is necessary for cultural change
- Fiscal responsibility





Net Zero Energy



ENERGY



Requires integrated approach:

- Dramatic demand-side energy use reduction
- Right mix of energy generation technologies and strategies that contribute to energy security
- Clear and flexible implementation strategies based on potential technology innovations and mission changes

We must build and retrofit our building stock today with life-cycle costs in mind.



Net Zero Water



WATER



A Net Zero WATER Installation

limits the consumption of freshwater resources and returns water back to the same watershed so as not to deplete the groundwater and surface water resources of that region in quantity and quality over the course of a year

- Contribute to water security
- Reduce freshwater demand through water efficiency and conservation
- Access/Develop alternate water sources to offset freshwater demand
- Develop water-efficient green infrastructure
- Implement low-impact development to manage storm water





Water conservation and efficiencies	 Identify and eliminate water inefficiencies (e.g., distribution system losses, evaporative losses) Implement low-impact development strategies that retain storm water runoff Implement a water conservation awareness campaign to change employee behavior
Water reuse	 Implement water reuse strategies Include gray-water systems in new building designs where cost effective
Water security	 Improve the security and reliability of our water systems to provide dependable water service to critical infrastructure during external service disruptions
	 If served by public water systems, establish alternate water supplies



Net Zero Waste





A Net Zero WASTE Installation

reduces, reuses, and recovers waste streams, converting them to resource values with zero solid waste to landfill over the course of a year

Goals:

- Eliminate unnecessary purchase of materials
- Minimize amount of waste generated wherever feasible
- Expand efforts to re-purpose and recycle/divert used materials
- Use waste-to-energy technologies for waste that cannot be avoided, re-purposed, recycled, or composted
- Eliminate landfill disposal to the maximum extent possible



Net Zero Waste





Waste Reduction

 Improved procurement (e.g., buy less, use "recyclable" content, reduce packaging material) and other P2 efforts

Re-Purpose

- Furniture donations and re-use centers
- Match waste "products" with potential users (e.g., drywall as soil amendment)

Recycling and Composting

- Installation recycling centers
- Food waste and organics composting

Energy Recovery

- After meeting diversion goals
- Only where economically feasible
 <u>Disposal</u>
- Last resort after other economically feasible efforts are implemented

Goal: No solid waste disposal in landfills by FY2020





How?

Renewable Energy Optimization (REO) • RED finds the least-cost combination of renewable energy technologies to meet net zero goal Optimization Uite Cycle Cost Agorithm Degrincial Information System (CIIS) Data Uitily Data from Plats Inc. Incertive Data from DSIREUSA ORG City Cost Adjustments from RS Means & Co.

Establishing the baseline

- Completed energy audits at Net Zero energy pilots
- Conducting water balance assessments at Net Zero water pilots

Audits and Roadmaps

- Conducting material flow analysis at Net Zero waste pilots

Assessing the potential

- Conducting renewable energy audits at Net Zero energy pilots
- Identifying water re-use opportunities at Net Zero water pilots
- Identifying additional re-use and diversion opportunities at Net Zero Waste pilots

Planning the future

 Completing Net Zero 2020 roadmaps for energy, water, and waste pilots with project lists and actions to implement over the next seven years

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Energy Roadmaps



- Energy baseline
- Energy efficiency assessments
- Renewable energy assessments
- Energy security assessments
- Energy project list and implementation of recommendations

Example Installation Energy Profile





Renewable Energy Assessments

Process

- Start with screening tools
- Conduct further analysis of promising technologies
- Make recommendations

Analysis tools

- GIS resource screening tools
- Renewable Energy Optimization, PVWatts, IMBY, RET Screen, Solar Analysis Model

Considerations

Think outside the "standard tool box"

Renewable Energy Optimization (REO)

REO finds the least-cost combination of renewable energy







Water Roadmaps

Gallons Used



Water Balance

- Identify largest end-users
- Set priorities

Water Efficiency

- Perform LCC analysis on measures
- Rank order projects
- Include technology and behavioral changes needed

Roadmap Workshop

- Collaborate with site
- Set priorities
- Identify funding
- Determine acquisition strategy

Roadmap and Master Planning

- Finalize strategy
- Incorporate into master planning







Water Balance







Waste Roadmaps



- Material flow analysis
- Improved procurement practices
- Re-purpose / Re-use strategy
- Recycling and composting strategy
- Potentially viable technologies

Example Installation Waste Profile







Objective

 Analyze waste streams (outputs) and procurement (inputs) to support Net Zero waste strategies

Approach

- Use readily available data
- Organize analysis by activity type
- Identify priority waste streams for reduction / elimination





Systems-of-Systems Approach



Interconnections

- Energy and water
- Water and waste
- Waste and energy
- Net zero must be addressed holistically across energy, water, and waste









Net Zero – External Collaboration



Federal agencies:

- Department of Energy
- Environmental Protection Agency
- General Services Administration

Local and regional partnerships

 Pilot installations are working with local communities to develop local and regional solutions (e.g., renewable energy, recycling, waste-to-energy)

Public-private partnerships

- Targeted to implement large-scale renewable energy projects



Next Steps



- Finalize Army-wide Net Zero policy
- Publish an implementation guide for Garrison Commanders
- Create a publically-releasable summary of water balance assessments and project road maps by the end of 2013
- Create a publically-releasable summary of Net Zero energy studies by the end of 2013
- Release of a progress report by Spring 2013
- Identify and then institutionalize best practices

