



OPERATION CHANGE OUT MILITARY CHALLENGE

Military Bases Encouraged to Join ENERGY STAR® *OPERATION CHANGE OUT* and Replace Inefficient Light Bulbs

The United States Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Energy (DOE) kicked off the first ENERGY STAR *OPERATION CHANGE OUT* – THE MILITARY CHALLENGE, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on Earth Day, April 22, 2008.

OPERATION CHANGE OUT is inspired by the success of the national ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World Campaign, and was created expressly for our nation's servicemen and women and their families, to encourage them to replace inefficient, incandescent light bulbs in their base housing with ENERGY STAR qualified models.

The project aims to support federal energy-efficiency goals and offers significant savings potential for military families and taxpayers, as well as a substantial reduction in energy use at military facilities. Though it started at Camp Lejeune, the goal is to have all the military facilities across the country take part in the Challenge.

Base Commanders and other military personnel are encouraged to take part in the Challenge by creating a team, setting a goal, and implementing light changing activities around their respective military bases. Participating units can register at www.energystar.gov/OCO and utilize the campaign's Web sites' toolkits for tips on how to create a successful program, as well as share their experience and success with the rest of the country by posting pictures and stories.

While focused to the military, participating bases may decide to host energy-efficiency fairs; if so, bases may want to work with state energy offices or other officials regarding an exhibition booth or program speaker. If your state energy office is interested in supporting the effort in this or other ways, please contact campaign staff by sending an e-mail to OperationChangeOut@drntl.com.

While being implemented for the first time, the endeavor has aspirations of saving more than 95 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions and cutting nearly \$7 million in energy costs if each of the more than 200 military bases in the United States participates.

At Camp Lejeune alone, the change out of more than 17,500 incandescent bulbs to ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs is expected to prevent more than 7.5 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, save nearly five million kilowatt hours of electricity and at least \$500,000 on energy bills over the lifetime of the bulbs.

The savings results from all bases participating in *OPERATION CHANGE OUT* will be announced on ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day, October 1, 2008.