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To the Airmen of the United States Air Force and their Families:

As energy consumers, Airmen and their family members can impact the Air Force's use of fuel and electricity by flying our aircraft more efficiently, turning off vehicles and equipment when not in use or simply turning off the lights where appropriate. During Energy Action Month, we challenge each of you to recognize and appreciate the important role you play as our Air Force becomes more energy efficient and reduces overall costs.

Our Air Force spends more than 9 billion dollars a year on energy. If we could find ways to make even the slightest cuts in energy usage, we would save big money. For example, during fiscal year 2012, the Air Force pocketed more than 1.5 billion dollars in savings through the use of smarter building materials, new technologies and more efficient flight operations. This shrewd use of energy brought a 21 percent reduction in installation electricity intensity and transported 37 percent more cargo per gallon of fuel. In short, the smart use of energy means accomplishing our mission in a more efficient yet still effective way.

We need the continued commitment of every Airman and family member to help us continue to drive innovation, and ensure we efficiently use every gallon of jet fuel, every watt of electricity and every drop of gasoline. During these challenging economic times, every dollar counts and your every action can count towards reducing costs and supporting mission effectiveness.

Our success depends on you. *You are Air Force Energy!*

  
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