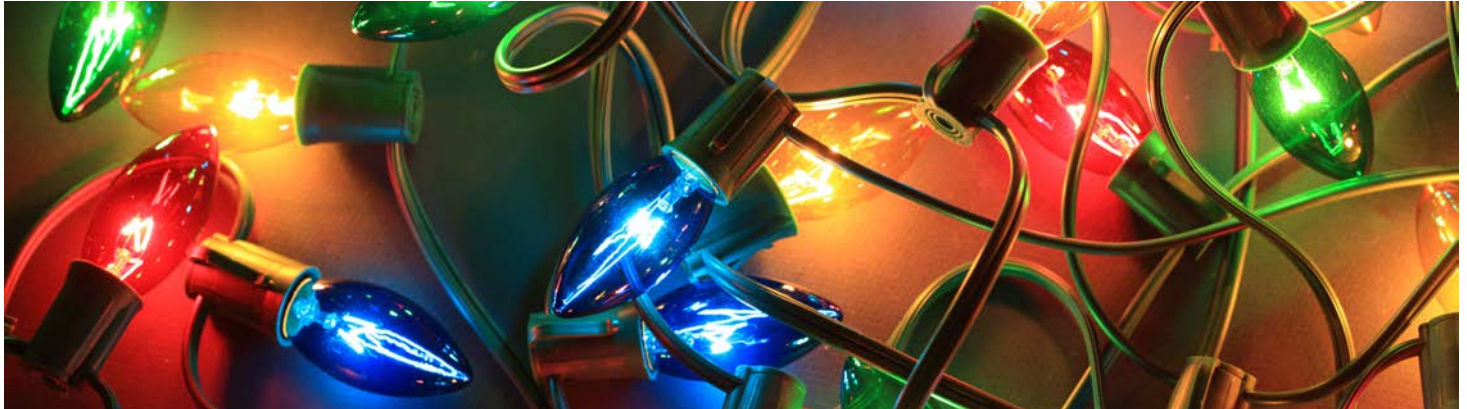




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The DLA Energy Supplier Advocate Team would like to wish our industry partners a healthy and happy holiday season!

It has been an exciting year for the team as we have continued to grow and find new ways to engage with industry in the virtual environment. Our team was initially established to help maintain strong relationships with existing industry partners and build new relationships with perspective partners. However, the virtual environment has inspired us to get creative and expand our team's mission far beyond that.

In 2021 we met with several of our current DLA Energy partners, and we helped quite a few perspective partners understand how to do business with the federal government and DLA Energy. The team helped the workforce become even more comfortable engaging with industry through communication training sessions. We developed and used a strategic engagement "toolkit" that outlined some of the best practices for communicating with our partners. The toolkit emphasizes the link between open communication and the reason we exist, to provide critical warfighter support!

We thought 2021 was a great year, but honestly, we think 2022 is going to be even better! We have a lot of things to look forward to. The 2022 DLA Energy Worldwide Energy Conference, our command's premiere event, is scheduled for March at the Gaylord Hotel at National Harbor, Maryland. It will be the first time in two years that we will all be together!

We have multiple engagements already on the calendar with both new and perspective industry partners and are excited to roll out our 2022 goals and action items with the DLA Energy Supplier Advocacy Council. Don't forget the Council is here for you, it was specifically formed to address your concerns and better our relationships with our partners.

As we continue to grow in this virtual environment, we welcome any suggestions that you may have on how we can better serve you, our industry partners. Please feel free to reach out to [energy.industryengagement@dla.mil](mailto:energy.industryengagement@dla.mil). We look forward to engaging with all of you in 2022!



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# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



## DLA ENERGY AMERICAS MID-DOWNSTREAM FUEL LOGISTICS

DLA Energy has regional commands located around the world that are nested with commercial suppliers to manage global supply chains. The commands are integrated with our warfighter and whole of government customers and partners in support of national defense and disaster response operations. DLA Energy regions are the integrators and operators of the supply chains within the fuel logistics mid-downstream supply networks around the globe.

The largest DLA Energy region is DLA Energy Americas, headquartered in Houston, Texas, in the strategic center of the nation's oil and gas industry. This region supports the Department of Defense and whole of government in North, Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands. The DLA Energy Americas workforce is comprised of 143 federal civilian employees, 11 active-duty U.S. military personnel and is commanded by U.S. Army Col. Raphael Heflin and his Deputy Director Mr. Jason Exum. There are three sub-regional commands located in Anchorage, Alaska, Seal Beach, California, and Houston, Texas, which work directly with industry suppliers and transportation companies.



*MH-60s Sea Hawk flies over flight deck of aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt*  
PHOTO CREDIT: DLA ENERGY AMERICAS



*DLA Energy regional commands are located around the world!*

DLA Energy Americas manages approximately 68% of the DoD bulk inventories and daily refueling requirements through defense fuel support points, also known as fuel terminals, and multi-modal fuel distribution networks in commercial pipelines, tanker ships, barges, tanker trucks and rail tanker cars. The command provides crisis fuel management support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in support of lifesaving disaster response and recovery operations.

DLA Energy Americas works at strategic and operational levels in its area of responsibility and beyond supporting DoD's Joint Petroleum Enterprise ensuring fuel support is always where the warfighter and nation need it. The command conducts over 120 local engagements a year with industry partners coordinating supply chain management, collaborating on ideas for crisis support and strengthening DLA Energy's strong working relationship with industry where it counts - in the supply chains and networks.

The DLA Energy Americas team plans to continue meeting with industry partners in the coming year and looks forward to strengthening current partnerships and developing new ones.

For more information, visit the DLA Energy Americas web page.



# DID YOU KNOW?

DLA Energy is currently supporting an Air Force small nuclear reactor pilot and the Air Force recently [announced](#) it selected a location for the pilot.

The Department of the Air Force has selected Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) to pilot its first micro-reactor. The next-generation energy capability will provide the installation with a clean, reliable and resilient energy supply technology for critical national security infrastructure.

“Energy is a critical asset to ensure mission continuity at our installations,” said Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety, and Infrastructure Mark Correll. “Micro-reactors are a promising technology for ensuring energy resilience and reliability and are particularly well-suited for powering and heating remote domestic military bases like Eielson AFB.”

The micro-reactor pilot was initiated in response to the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act requirement to identify potential locations to site, construct, and operate a micro-reactor by the end of 2027. The micro-reactor will be commercially owned and operated, and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensed.

“This technology has the potential to provide true energy assurance, and the existing energy infrastructure and compatible climate at Eielson make for the perfect location to validate its feasibility,” said Mr. Correll.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Infrastructure is working with the Air Force Office of Energy Assurance, the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment & Energy Resilience, the Department of Energy, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to facilitate the micro-reactor pilot, and to ensure this pilot is conducted with safety as the number one priority.



## 2022 DLA ENERGY WORLDWIDE ENERGY CONFERENCE

The original date for our Worldwide Energy Conference was March of 2021, but like so many other things, COVID forced us to push the conference to 2022. We're so excited to be able to host the Worldwide Energy Conference March 28-30, 2022! Save that date you don't want to miss this.



The theme for the conference is *Warfighter Readiness through Stronger Partnerships*, and we hope you ALL can attend. Based on the feedback from our 2019 attendees, we have expanded our 'Industry Day,' which is the first day of the conference. We have lined up a full day of sessions and don't forget the trade show opens in the afternoon!

The second and third days are full of workshops, panels and the all-important networking sessions. On Wednesday afternoon, we've added a closing session that will leave you wanting more and get you pumped up for 2024!

Registration will open soon and there are plenty of enhanced marketing opportunities available, so please bookmark our [website](#) and check it often. We hope to see you all there!

Is there something specific you would like to see in the next newsletter?

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