



# The Fuel Line



**A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER**  
**Air Force Brig. Gen. Jimmy Canlas**

Team Energy,

As we welcome 2021 and move forward in our operational initiatives, I want to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back from their holiday vacations. We have an exciting year ahead of us.

One of our 2021 initiatives is this inaugural newsletter, The Fuel Line. The bi-monthly “newspaper” will help highlight our recent successes and communicate better with the workforce. If you have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please send it to DLA Energy Public Affairs at [DLA@dla.mil](mailto:DLA@dla.mil).

I highly encourage everyone to remain vigilant and continue to stay safe as we begin the new year. Please continue to continue safety practices, maintain social distance and inform your supervisor if you have any influenza-like symptoms, and/or need to seek medical attention.

Please stay safe and continue to look out for each other.

Very Respectfully,  
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JIMMY R. CANLAS, Brig Gen, USAF

## HQC/NCR COVID-19 Reconstitution Status: **Phase 0 - HPCON B**

## 2020 Federal Energy and Water Management Award Winners

Mr. Smith and I are proud to announce that several DLA Energy employees received Department of Energy 2020 Federal Energy and Water Management Awards. This distinguished honor recognizes the outstanding contributions of our team in energy and water efficiency, resilience, and technology achievements; distributed energy; cyber security; and fleet management from within the federal government.

Congratulations to our Installation Energy Contracting Officer **Jacob Vigil**, who will be taking home two awards! He was selected for an individual contracting award for his outstanding achievements under our energy savings performance contract (ESPC) program while also being recognized as part of the Air Force team that executed the winning Misawa Air Base ESPC effort.

DLA Energy was also recognized for its partnership with the Navy on the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay ESPC effort. Without our savvy and diligent negotiations on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) contract, the ESPC effort would not have been a success. As HCA, **Gabriella Earhardt** will be recognized as our champion for the LNG effort and our contribution to the overall success of the project. But, behind the scenes, DLA Energy LNG team members **Cindy Ralph, Chris Archer, Mark Warno, Paul Rossi, Louise Hansen and Yev Malashenok** were relentless in their efforts to ensure successful execution of this unique, first-time contract award.

I’m thrilled to see the efforts and accomplishments of our employees being recognized across the federal sector!

**Please join me and Mr. Smith in congratulating your colleagues on a job well done!**

## BREAKING NEWS

DLA Energy supports the concept of solving problems at the lowest level. With the onset of COVID-19, we lost the opportunity of employees being able to use a physical suggestion box to pass along thoughts and comments. Our solution was to develop a virtual suggestion box.

## DLA Energy Virtual Suggestion Box

We encourage you to talk with your supervisor when you have an idea, a problem, or concern. Among the most important jobs supervisors are entrusted with is to “be there” in these instances. If, in the end, your best judgement tells you to share things with leadership, please do. All submissions from this box will be sent via email to DLA Energy leadership.

You are welcome to remain “unnamed” or anonymous. It’s easy and secure. Just use the dropdown menu on the form and make your selection.

**Virtual Suggestion Box**  
<https://go.usa.gov/xAR95>

# THANK YOU!!

## DLA Energy Rocks the 2020 Denison Culture Climate Survey

You all made an outstanding effort in the participation of the Culture Climate Survey, which ran from October 9 to November 20.

Thanks to your efforts, DLA Energy exceeded all the Military Support Commands with a 67.6% participation/response rate.

We are eagerly awaiting to results! The Culture Climate Committee will use your feedback to develop the FY21 Culture Action Plan.

*If you'd like to get more involved in DLA Energy's culture, consider joining one of the committees on the DLA Energy Advisory & Integration Council – Supervisory Committee, Training Committee, Culture Climate Committee, or the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.*

*Contact [Energy.SCG@dla.mil](mailto:Energy.SCG@dla.mil) to join today!*

## Supporting Warfighter Contingency Requirements

## KUDOS Korner

DLA Energy's Tanker Operations Branch worked closely with Military Sealift Command to arrange a commercial tanker to tanker lightering operation of DLA owned product at the Port of Ulsan, South Korea, in late November.

This is the first time DLA Energy requested lightering between two, long-term chartered, U.S. flagged, commercial vessels. This operation was a huge success in the demonstration of an often-advertised capability to support Warfighter contingency requirements.

Due to the success, three more lightering evolutions are planned in FY21 to support warfighter requirements.



## Hail and Farewells

### Welcome Scott Romans, new DLA Energy Chief Counsel



On January 4, Scott Romans became the new DLA Energy Chief Counsel.

Previously, Scott served as the Chief Counsel, Administrative and Civil Law Division at HQ DLA Office of General Counsel, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where

he was the primary point of contact, advisor and principal legal authority for HQ DLA and our MSCs on complex and unusual precedent-setting legal issues in the fields of fiscal law, standards of conduct and ethics, environmental law, legislative affairs and government information practices.

Scott served as Senior Associate General Counsel and Deputy Chief Counsel, Administrative and International Law Division, HQ DLA Office of General Counsel, and Chief Counsel, Defense National Stockpile Center, DLA, as well as numerous other legal positions during his more than 30 years of government service with the U.S. Army and DLA.

### Farewell to Pam Serino, Quality Technical Director



Pam Serino was honored for 35 years of federal service by Brig. Gen. Canlas at a small informal ceremony in December. As the Quality and Technical director

and chemist, Pam's accomplishments included elevating the importance of fuel quality awareness to the senior levels of the DoD. She oversaw quality assurance, quality surveillance, product technology, measurement, standardization and laboratory support for DLA Energy fuel products.

Pam began her federal career in 1985 as an environmental scientist at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. She was the first DoD woman recognized for outstanding service in aviation fuels quality by the National Petroleum Management Association during its 2018 annual conference.