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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Sailing the Great Green Fleet

The Great Green Fleet will be an important demonstration of the Department of the Navy's commitment to advanced alternative fuels as a drop-in replacement for petroleum fuels. In tribute to President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet, which helped America's emergence as a global power at the beginning of the 20th century, we have named this effort the Great Green Fleet to help maintain America's military and economic leadership in the 21st century.

The Great Green Fleet's deployment will usher in a new era of energy independence and energy security for the Department of the Navy. Its successful deployment will require oversight by a dedicated task force of Navy and Marine Corps personnel to ensure sound management of the myriad challenges associated with the Great Green Fleet's demonstration and ultimate deployment.

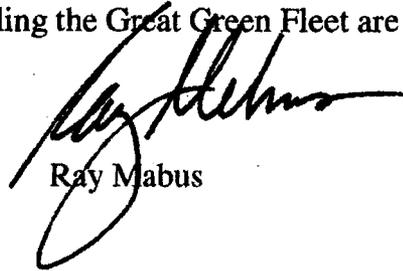
Today, I am directing creation of a Great Green Fleet Task Force to serve as the central point of coordination to oversee planning and logistics for the Great Green Fleet demonstration in 2012, and its deployment in 2016. The Task Force will:

- Ensure the necessary amounts of alternative fuels to conduct the 2012 demonstration and the 2016 deployment to the designated ships and air platforms;
- Oversee resolution of all test and certification issues pertaining to the use of the intended alternative fuels in Great Green Fleet platforms;
- Vet and recommend the itinerary of the Great Green Fleet and its supporting elements' evolutions to the appropriate combatant commanders;
- Coordinate with allied forces taking part in the demonstration exercise or deployment issues surrounding alternative fuels use;
- Expand public awareness and information sharing to cultivate understanding of the Great Green Fleet and the Department of the Navy's energy program.

This Task Force will be co-chaired by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) (ASN EI&E) and the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Fleet Readiness and Logistics (OPNAV N4) or CNO-designated Flag Officer, and will have membership from, but not limited to:

Fleet Forces Command (USFF); Commander, US Pacific Fleet (PACFLT), Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Energy (DASN Energy) , Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Integration of Resources and Requirements (OPNAV N8), Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), Naval Supply Systems Command Energy Office (NAVSUP Energy), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division (OPNAV N45), USMC Expeditionary Energy Office (USMC E2O), Deputy Undersecretary of the Navy for Plans, Policy, Oversight, and Integration (DUSN PPOI), Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel (SNAP), General Counsel (GC), Chief of Information (CHINFO), and the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC).

Within 60 days the Task Force co-chairs shall complete a charter to detail the duties, specific members, task force organization, general processes and procedures, and milestones to ensure goals essential to sailing the Great Green Fleet are met.



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