

Title: Energizing National Security: The US Military Agenda for Energy Policy and National Security

Abstract: This research is designed to examine whether and how the US military connects energy policy choices to national security in terms of operational activities. It seeks to trace the legislative policy impact of military perceptions and strategies regarding energy security across multiple threat platforms. Although there has been much academic work on links between national energy policy choices and energy security – and by extension national security – is it unclear to what extent and how uniformly the US military establishment accepts these links, and what impacts on the military agenda may result. By examining the military agenda, via the budgetary request and allocation process for selected case studies, supplemented with interviews of key personnel, this research will provide a window into the position of the military on issues of interlocking energy and national security significance.