



Tarak Shah is an energy policy consultant who has worked at the highest levels of the United States government designing and implementing policies that have contributed to the clean energy revolution, fostered profound advancements in renewables and energy efficiency, and formed core portions of U.S. global climate commitments.

From 2014-2017, Tarak served as the Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Science and Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). As a member of the Senior Executive Service appointed by President Barack Obama, Tarak supervised the office responsible for oversight and management of the world's largest investments in early-stage, high-potential energy innovation and physical sciences. This included management of 13 national laboratories, 7 science and clean energy programs and an annual \$10 billion science and clean energy budget. In direct consultation with the Secretary of Energy, the White House, industry, and NGOs, Tarak provided strategic direction for DOE's energy innovation budget. More broadly, Tarak aligned DOE's science and energy policy to President Obama's climate and energy agenda.

Previously, Tarak served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs at the U.S. Department of Defense. In that role, Tarak developed policy and programs to reduce and optimize the U.S. military's \$20 billion annual energy budget. President Obama described these efforts by stating, "the world's largest consumer of energy, the Department of Defense, is making one of the largest commitments to clean energy in history." Tarak's work included fast-tracking over \$500 million of energy technology investments, including solar panels, efficient generators, efficient shelters, and microgrids to allied troops in active conflicts. For that work, he was awarded the Medal for Exceptional Public Service for his work, with the Secretary of Defense noting that, Tarak's "accomplishments had a significant impact on national security."

From 2009-2010, Tarak served as Special Assistant to the Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality where he supported the coordination of energy and environmental policy across the Federal government, in areas from renewable energy tax policy to public lands management.

Prior to his work in government, Tarak was the Human Resources Director for President-elect Obama, responsible for the transition of hundreds of staff from the campaign to government appointments. He worked for then-Senator Obama in a variety of roles on his 2004 and 2008 campaigns and his political action committee.

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