

**OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN CULBERSON
MILCON-VA SUBCOMMITTEE
FY 2015 Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC Budget and Oversight Hearing
March 12, 2014 @ 1:30pm**

Good morning. I want to welcome everyone to this afternoon's hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC for Fiscal Year 2015.

We have many questions to address concerning the fiscal year 2015 budget request-specifically the impact of the \$3.2 billion reduction from fiscal year 2014 enacted levels, the impact of sequestration and how force structures changes will affect the military construction budget in fiscal year 2015 and beyond. Before I introduce our witnesses, I would like to turn to the ranking member, Mr. Bishop, for any opening remarks he would like to make.

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I would now introduce our witnesses:

- The Honorable John Conger, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment ;
- The Honorable Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment;
- The Honorable Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment; and
- Ms. Kathleen I. Ferguson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary performing duties as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Installations, Environment, and Logistics.

Thank you for taking the time to be here. Without objection, your written statements will be entered into the record. Due to number of witnesses, I would ask that each of you summarize your statement in about five minutes.

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