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## N45 Outlook



**THANK YOU FOR** taking the time to read this issue of *Currents* magazine. In each issue we do our best to highlight the exceptional work and the positive impacts made by our Navy's energy and environmental stewards. Our collective stewardship of the environment and the energy resources entrusted to us enables our Navy to train and make ready our forces in the most realistic conditions possible. A ready force ensures that our Navy can project power anywhere and anytime our Nation calls on us.

I recently was hosted by USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) for a short embark with some of our key environmental stakeholders outside of the Department of Defense. From the Skipper, Captain Paul Spedero, to the junior Sailors in the trash room, all hands impressed our visitors with their knowledge of and their commitment to the environment. They also did a superb job of explaining and demonstrating why realistic training is essential to mission success. I have had similar experiences in recent months on the USS Barry (DDG 52) and the USS Philippine Sea (CG 58)—great Sailors sharing the best of our Navy with those we serve and defend.

What I have witnessed across the Navy during my short time as director of the Energy and Environmental Readiness Division is a dedicated team collaborating on weighty, complex issues to ensure the readiness of our Navy. You should all be proud of your efforts to balance the needs of the Navy with the concerns of our stakeholders. We must also continue to listen to the voices of those who may not understand our mission and be ready to explain and inform until the highest need is met. Our stewardship requires nothing less. ⚓

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Rear Admiral Morton (N45), Mr. Karnig Ohannessian (Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment) and environmental regulators gather on the flight deck of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) during an embark on 2–3 April.