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Dear Forest City Resident,

The Office of the Secretary of Defense established policy to strive for energy efficiency in Public-Private Venture (PPV) housing, and for PPV residents to be responsible for utility usage. The Department of Navy, in conjunction with its PPV partners, is implementing the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) in two of its privatized locations, Beaufort Parris Island and here in Hawaii.

Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) will soon be sending you a letter outlining the details of the Hawaii pilot that will begin in September 2010, along with a schedule of community meetings that will precede implementation. At present, this program will focus on electric utility conservation efforts; although families should strive to conserve water and gas utilities as well.

Conserving our valuable resources through reduced energy consumption contributes to our nation's security and readiness and enables us to better support Sailors and their families. Further, reducing housing energy costs translates to more money being available for reinvestment back into the PPV community, resulting in home improvements, neighborhood upgrades and more resident programs.

The RECP transfers responsibility for electricity consumption from FCRM to residents. Starting with the month of September 2010, you will receive a mock bill showing the amount of electricity you are using compared to the monthly average usage for homes of your type and size. A 20% buffer is added above and below the average usage to create a *normal usage band* that accounts for variances. Residents whose consumption is below this usage band would receive a credit for the energy saved, while those who exceed the band would have to pay for the excess usage.

From September through December, you should compare your monthly usage against the usage band and adjust your usage habits if you exceed the band. FCRM will also be available to help you assess your usage and address any questions regarding your home's energy efficiency. Along with your mock bill, you will receive tips and ideas on ways to reduce electricity consumption. Individually, these energy saving tips result in small savings but collectively, they can make a big difference in how much electricity you use in a given month.

Live billing will begin in January 2011, at which time your mock bill becomes an actual bill, where credits and payments will apply. You will receive your January bill in mid-February.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important energy initiative. Additional details on this program will be provided by FCRM. If you have any questions, please contact my POC, Mr. Darryl Nii, 474-1825, darryl.nii@navy.mil, or visit NAVREGHI's www.greatlifehawaii.com/RECP website.


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