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From: Commanding Officer
To: Residents of MCAS Yuma Family Housing
Subj: RESIDENT ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE
Encl: (1) RECP Brochure

1. Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, together with Lincoln Military Housing (Lincoln), is moving forward with the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) to increase awareness and conservation of energy in our homes. RECP is a Secretary of Defense program. The intent of RECP is to promote good stewardship of our resources through awareness, personal responsibility and education. Enclosure (1) provides more detailed information about the program.

2. You began receiving information about implementation of RECP during May 2012. Since then, incremental steps have been taken to make all our homes ready for full implementation of the program, such as the installation of electrical remote-read or "Smart" meters on every home. Also, our homes on base and at 16th street have been combined into like type groupings based on size, age, number of bedrooms in order to establish baseline electrical consumption for each group.

3. Lincoln's billing agent for the program has been accumulating electrical consumption readings for all our homes since the smart meters were installed and have taken steps to ensure their accuracy. You are being made aware of all these tasks as part of RECP, because they are leading up to an approved start date for Mock Billing of 1 Dec 2013 and Live Billing starting on 1 March 2014.

4. Starting on 1 Dec, 2013, residents will be receiving a monthly electrical consumption statement or mock bill. During the three month mock billing period, your statement will show how much electricity your family consumes each month and how your usage compares to the others in your group. The statements will include an electrical use target which is the amount of electricity use considered normal for your group. The target will vary from month to month depending on seasonal changes in climate. Letters from Lincoln will be sent to all residents beginning next month informing you of the mock billing and live billing start dates and who to contact with questions. Lincoln can also assist you with performing a self-energy audit of your home's energy use and by checking equipment and appliances for peak performance.

5. The personal responsibility aspect of RECP involves your review of how your family consumes energy. This is the perfect opportunity for you to make adjustments to your family's consumption habits so you will fall into the normal use range on future statements. The monthly statement is the main tool used to track your energy consumption. I urge each one of you to make necessary adjustments in behavior and habits to keep your family in the target range. You will qualify for a rebate if your consumption is 10%

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below the normal range or you may pay a bill for the amount consumed over 10% of the target range.

6. The program implementation start date (live billing) for housing is 1 March, 2014. From that date forward, you will pay for the energy you use that exceeds normal usage for your like group of homes. If your usage falls within the normal band, you pay nothing. If your usage falls below the normal range, you'll get a check. Your first actual billing statement should arrive mid-April for electricity consumed during the month of March. When you receive your first bill, compare the consumption to the previous month and then compare your consumption to your group's usage target. Be prepared to make changes to energy habits if you are over the target range. If you have difficulty analyzing those comparisons, contact Lincoln or the Military Housing Office staffs. They are there to assist and provide any information you need.

7. The third and probably the most important aspect of RECP is education. Take the necessary time to understand your billing statement. It contains a host of tips, ideas, comparisons, analysis and history. The Military Housing Office's website at <http://www.mcasyma.marines.mil/Family/Housing.aspx> will provide you with information and program updates, FAQ's and energy conservation tips. Talk to your maintenance technicians, they can give you several ideas on how to reduce energy use. **Visit the RECP Information Fair on 30 October at the Lincoln Club House next to the Housing Pool from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.** There will be people there to answer questions, give conservation tips, provide hand-outs and make sure you are comfortable with RECP. Individually, these energy saving tips result in small savings, but collectively they can make a huge difference in how much energy is saved each month.

8. Additional details about RECP will soon be provided to you by Lincoln and as always, if you have questions or need more information, please contact the Military Housing Office at (928) 269-2826/3643 or contact Lincoln Military Housing at (920) 344-1240.



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Why RECP?

- RECP is good for Marines and their families.
- Saving energy saves you money.
- The funds saved by RECP will be used to improve your homes, playgrounds, community centers, and therefore, your quality of life.
- Energy Conservation is important to the nation and the Marine Corps.
- Demonstrated success in the RECP Pilot program conducted in 2011.

How does RECP Work?

To run the Marine Corps Resident Energy Conservation Program, we:

1. Establish a group of "housing types" based on size, style, age, number of bedrooms and other factors that influence energy conservation.
2. Meter usage in all housing types each month.
3. Calculate the average usage for all housing types each month.
4. Create a 10 percent buffer above and below the average usage type to establish the average range of usage.
5. Families consuming less utilities than average range will be rewarded for their energy conservation by being paid for the difference under the average usage.
6. Families with excessive usage that is above the average range will be billed for the difference that is over the average usage range.

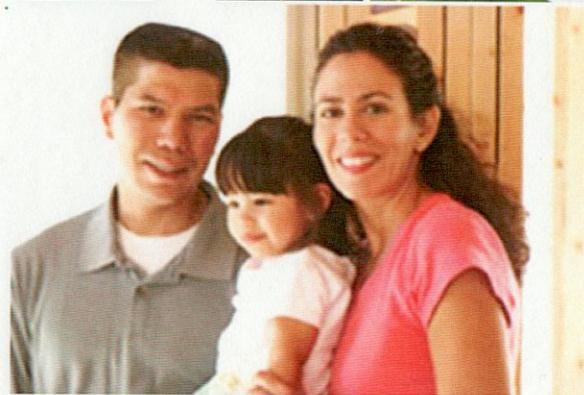
What can you do?

Check your home for inefficiencies, such as windows that do not close properly.

Ask your privatized military housing provider for an energy audit of your home.

Talk to your family members about how they can save energy by doing little things, such as:

- Unplugging unused electronics and chargers.
- Turning off unused lights.
- Washing and drying only full loads of laundry using the coldest settings possible.
- Using the dishwasher for full loads only and using the air dry feature instead of heat.



Additional strategies and tips are available on-line or by calling your PPV housing office



The funds saved by RECP will be used to improve your homes, playgrounds, community centers, and therefore, your quality of life.



RECP Concept

Encourage and incentivize energy conservation by families living in USMC privatized family housing.

Make more funds available to improve family housing, playgrounds and community centers.

Improve the quality of life for those who live in Marine Corps family housing.

Create a culture of conservation and help the Marine Corps reduce overall energy consumption from bases to battlefields.



RECP Tentative Roll-out Schedule

Final Planning/Coordination	Sep - Nov 13
3 Month Advance Notice to Residents	Sep 13
Mock Billing (3 Months Minimum)	Dec 13 - Feb 14
Commence Live Billing	01 March 2014

Marine Corps RECP Guarantee:
3-month advance notice to existing residents
3-month mock billing to all residents



A "Culture of Conservation"

The USMC Energy Strategy "Bases to Battlefields" begins at home. Saving energy saves you money and is good for everyone.

“Pay attention to the little things, like how much you heat or cool the place you’re living in.”

Raymond E. Mabus
Secretary of the Navy

“Changing the way we use energy is essential to preparing our Corps for the future.”

James F. Amos
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

For more information on the RECP please contact your local Military Housing Office or Privatized Military Housing provider.



Marine Corps Family Housing



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