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2007 Earth Day Message

Today our Army continues to wage the long struggle against global terrorism while simultaneously transforming ourselves to meet the challenges of tomorrow. To achieve success we must acknowledge the conditions that place greater stress on the world's interconnected human, economic, and natural systems. Most importantly, we must respond accordingly – we must act today to preserve our future. On this Earth Day we remind ourselves that, while we remain Army Strong to ensure the defense of this great Nation, we must also remain good stewards of our environment to preserve it for future generations.

Ours is a strong, sustainable Army with the vision to address uncertainties at home and on the battlefield, to coexist with local communities, and to enhance the environment that sustains their well being. Sustainable practices such as water conservation, greater fuel efficiency, and use of renewable energy allows our Army to travel farther, deploy longer, and reduce dependence on traditional supply lines and reduce our impact on natural resources. Sustainability further enhances our business transformation by eliminating waste, driving innovation, and promoting collaboration across the entire Army.

Ours is a strong, sustainable Army that shares its strength with others. As we realign the infrastructure of our installations, depots, and arsenals, we will seek opportunities to work with our neighbors to sustain access to shared resources, and create the kinds of communities that promote well being for the entire Army family.

On this Earth Day, we as an Army reaffirm our commitment to sustainability. The Army - every Soldier, every civilian, every contractor, and every family member - must make the personal commitment to do everything possible to ensure a strong, sustainable Army. It is vital that we continue to implement innovative policies and practices that well protect our natural resources for future generations.

Army Strong - Today and Tomorrow!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Geren", is positioned above the printed name.

Pete Geren
Acting Secretary of the Army