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Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus presents FRCSW energy manager Sarah Tuley with the SECNAV FY 2015 Energy and Water Management Gold level award in ceremonies Oct. 19 aboard the amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA-6) at Naval Base San Diego. (U.S. Navy photo)

NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND - Fleet Readiness Center Southwest (FRCSW) has earned the Secretary of the Navy's (SECNAV) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Energy and Water Management Gold level award for FY 2014 environmental accomplishments.

SECNAV Ray Mabus presented the award to FRCSW energy manager Sarah Tuley in ceremonies Oct. 19 aboard the amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA-6) at Naval Base San Diego.

In his remarks, Mabus said that the Navy continues its efforts to advance energy independence by increasing alternative energy sources in the fleet and ashore by 2020.

FRCSW's efforts recognized by the "Gold" level category designate a "very good to outstanding" energy conservation program. It is the eighth time in the past 12 years that the command has been awarded the "Gold" level category of recognition.

In total, more than 65 shore-based Navy and Marine Corps commands were awarded the "Gold" performance level, including Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Marine Corps

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Air Station Camp Pendleton and Naval Bases Coronado.

One measure of a successful energy conservation program is by meeting compliance with executive order 13423 (EO 13423). Signed in January 2007, EO 13423 directs federal agencies to improve energy efficiencies by reducing water consumption, electricity usage and greenhouse gases by three percent per year.

FRCSW surpassed EO 13423 requirements with a 4.7 percent reduction in energy consumption from FY 2014, and reduced its utility budget by more than $948,000 from the previous fiscal year.

Using an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) which enables federal agencies to partnership with energy service companies, the command will save and additional 24,704 million British thermal units (MBTU) of energy, and more than $2 million annually.

Further, the ESPC will provide for state-of-the-art laboratories with daylight harvesting and condensing boiler plants that are 92 percent efficient.