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GREEN PROJECT MANAGEMENT 5 Key Success Factors

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MISSION!

Sustainability <u>must</u> be perceived to support the mission of the organization in order to be accepted.

aka: "the business case"



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Security Sustainability



A NEW SECURITY PARADIGM:

There can be no security without sustainability, and no sustainability without security. NATIONAL SECURITY and the THREAT of CLIMATE CHANGE



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We never have 100% certainty.

If you wait until you have 100% certainty, something bad is going to happen on the battlefield.

That's something we know.

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Finding: Serious Threat to National Security

You have very real changes in natural systems that are most likely to happen in regions of the world that are already fertile ground for extremism.

> ADM T. Joseph Lopez (USN) Commander, U.S. Navy Europe





Threats to Natural & Human Systems

Threats



Case in Point: Darfur





Threats



Case in Point: Somalia





Unlike the challenges that we are used to dealing with, these will come upon us extremely slowly, but come they will, and they will be grinding and inexorable.

But maybe more challenging is that they will affect every nation, and all simultaneously.

> VADM Richard H. Truly (USN) NASA Administrator; Astronaut



2007 POSTURE STATEMENT

A CAMPAIGN QUALITY ARMY WITH JOINT AND EXPEDITIONARY CAPABILITIES









"The state of the Army"



Addendum K (Army Sustainability Strategy)

Army Sustainability is a comprehensive, systems approach to planning and decision-making designed to sustain the natural infrastructure, which includes the land, water, air, and energy resources required to conduct our mission.

Advances in technology, ever-increasing global population, and urbanization have effectively made the world smaller. They have placed greater stresses on the world's interconnected human, economic, and natural systems. Local and regional issues, such as famine, natural disasters, ecological degradation, economic decline, political upheaval, and disputes over precious and sometimes scarce natural resources, are evolving into global issues that influence how the United States must respond and interact—through political, economic, and when necessary, military engagement.

Fielding new weapons systems, adjusting tactics, and consolidating forces through Base Realignment and Closure and global repositioning all impact - as well as are impacted by – our ability to sustain the natural infrastructure, which includes the land, water, air, and energy resources required to conduct our mission.



SUSTAINABLE TRAINING

Conservation management practices ensure training lands remain viable to support current and future realistic live training, which is essential for troops to be fully prepared to fight and win.

SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS

The Army overhauled and repaired more than 85,000 weapon systems, major end items, and components in FY 2004.

SUSTAINABLE RANGE

The Army manages about 15.2 million acres of land, 98 percent of that is set aside for ranges and training.

SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS SUPPORT

Reducing our logistics footprint conserves resources and minimizes waste generation.



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Community outreach increases understanding of the Army's readiness requirements.

> SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Since 1985 energy management programs have reduced energy use in Army buildings by 30.1 percent.

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5 KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR SUSTAINABILITY INTEGRATION: 1. Support the mission -- know the business case for sustainability

2. Be an effective agent of change



The adoption of a given innovation in a social system follows a predictable pattern:





As more change agents adopt the innovation and *communicate* it to others, more early adopters join the process until the idea reaches critical mass and "takes-off" -- it reaches the "tipping point".









The process looks like this.

Rate of Adoption of an Innovation Over Time

Figure 3.2

Source: Adopter Categorization on the Basis of Innovativeness Adapted from: Rogers, 1995, pg. 262

Where to focus to reach a tipping point

EARLY MAJORITY 34% LATE MAJORITY 34% EARLY ADOPTERS 13.5% LAGGARDS 16%

INNOVATORS 2.5%

ritical Mass

Perceived Characteristics of a Successful Innovation (including Sustainability):

1. Relative advantage

- **2.** Compatibility
- **3.** Complexity
- **4.** Trialability
- **5.** Observability



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DEFINING 'SUSTAINABILITY'

CLASSIC (1987 World Commission on Environment and Development / Brundtland Report)

Meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



Meta-trends: Global Driving Forces

life supporting resources declining

consumption of life supporting resources rising

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Meta-trends: Global Driving Forces

- Climate change
- Ice caps melting
- Oceans warming
- Rising seas
- Reefs at risk
- Water scarcity
- End of easy oil
- Rapidly rising population
- Growing income disparities
- And more....



Natural Cycles (The way things work)



Present Society



How would you design an unsustainable society?

Sustainability Condition 1



In a sustainable society, nature is not subject to increasing concentrations of substances from underground.

This means systematically reducing dependence on fossil fuels, and substituting certain minerals that are scarce in nature with others that are more abundant, using all mined materials efficiently.

Sustainability Condition 2



In a sustainable society, nature is not subject to increasing concentrations of synthetic chemicals.

This means systematically reducing dependence on synthetic chemicals known, or suspected to be, harmful to living systems.
SP #1&2: Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) and Climate Change

The Earth's Greenhouse Effect

About half me solvr energy absorbed at the surface evaporates water, adding the most important greenhouse gas to the atmosphere. When this water condenses in the atmosphere, it releases to the energy that powers storms and produces rain and speed. About 30% of incoming solar energy is reflected by the surface and the atmosphere. SPACE Only a small amount of the heat energy emitted from the surface passes through the atmosphere directly to space. Most is absorbed by greenhouse gas molecules and contributes to the energy radiated back down to warm the surface and lower atmosphere. Increasing the concentrations of greenhouse gases increases the warming of the surface and slows loss of energy to space.

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SURFACE-

The surface cools by radiating heat energy upward. The warmer the surface, the greater the amount of least energy that is redicted upward.

Sustainability Condition 3





In a sustainable society, nature is not subject to increasing physical degradation.

This means that in a sustainable society, the productive surfaces of nature are not diminished in quality or quantity, and we must not harvest nature beyond its capacity to regenerate.

Habitat Loss





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Sustainability Condition 4

In a sustainable society, human needs are met worldwide.

This means using resources efficiently, fairly and responsibly, so that the needs of people on whom we have an impact (near and remote), and the future needs of people not yet born, stand the best chance of being met.



NORTH STAR: 4 Conditions for a Sustainable Society [ABBREVIATED]

Nature is not subject to increasing:

- ... concentrations of material from underground,
- $2 \ldots \text{ concentrations of synthetic chemicals,} \\$
- $3\dots$ degradation by physical means;

and in that society,

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 $4 \dots$ human needs are met worldwide.

Using the 4 Sustainability Conditions: consider how NASA products & processes:

- 1. Use or depend on substances extracted from the <u>Earth's crust</u> (e.g. hydrocarbons, heavy metals) and potentially contribute to their accumulation in nature?
- 2. Use or depend on <u>substances made by society</u> (e.g. toxic material, synthetic compounds) and potentially contribute to their accumulation in nature?
- 3. Depend upon, or potentially <u>contribute to the</u> <u>physical destruction</u> of nature?
- 4. Meet or impact <u>human needs</u>?

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These 4 conditions of sustainability can become **DESIGN CRITERIA** for new products & processes.

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- 4. Use a sustainability planning framework



Sustainability: A to G Strategic Planning Framework



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COMPELLIN VISION









SUSTAINABLE FUTURE TO THE UNSUSTAINABLE PRESENT





BusinessWeek

Imagine a world

in which socially responsible and eco-friendly practices actually boost a company's bottom line. It's closer than you think. BY PETE ENGAROID (P.50)

> PLUS Chrysler: Dr.Zgets a checkup





"I have a dream vehicle — it is a vehicle that makes the air cleaner the more one drives it, a safe vehicle that does not harm people in any way, a vehicle that serves as a base for sending and receiving information, and a vehicle that actually improves one's health.

Dreams are not bound forever to the dream world. I take this to mean that by continually working hard toward one's dream it is possible to come closer to making it a reality."

Katsuaki Watanabe President, Toyota Motor Corporation







E-EVALUATION F-FEEDBACK G-GETTING BETTER



Planning & designing toward a compelling vision



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- 4. Use a sustainability planning model
- 5. Use life cycle analysis
 -- think in systems and closed loops







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BRIAN'S 5 KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONERS:

1. Support the mission -- know the business case **2.** Be an effective agent of change **3.** Use a sustainability planning model **4.** Understand core sust. principles -- simplicity without reduction **5.** Use life cycle analysis -- think in systems, see connections





Foreword by Nicholas C. Sonntag

BRIAN NATTRASS & MARY ALTOMARE

Dancing with the TIGER

LEARNING SUSTAINABILITY STEP by NATURAL STEP THE NATURAL STEP FOR BUSINESS

> WEALTH, ECOLOGY AND THE EVOLUTIONARY CORPORATION

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What is your personal VISION?

What is your personal COMMITMENT?



The Power of Absolute Commitment!

W. H. Murray in *The Scottish Himalaya Expedition*, 1951 (Often attributed to Goethe)

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation) there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred.cont.



....A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamed would have come his way.

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

Begin it now."





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"Never doubt that a small, committed group of people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead



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