
Jackalyne Pfannenstiel



Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment)



Jackalyne Pfannenstiel was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) on March 5, 2010. In this position, Ms. Pfannenstiel is responsible for formulating Department-wide policies, procedures, advocacy and strategic plans, as well as overseeing all DON functions and programs related to installations, safety, energy and environment. This includes effective management of Navy and Marine Corps real property, housing, and other facilities; environmental, natural, cultural and marine resource protection, planning, conservation and compliance, both ashore and afloat; safety and occupational health for both military and civilian personnel; timely completion of closures and realignments of installations under base closure laws; the U.S. – Japan agreement to realign U.S. forces in Japan and relocate 8000 Marines and their families from Okinawa to Guam; and the development of the Department’s energy strategy, policies and guidance.

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel is a former Chairman of the State of California Energy Commission, a state regulatory body with authority over power plant licensing, building and appliance efficiency standards, and energy policy development. Ms. Pfannenstiel was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to a five-year term on the Commission in 2004 and served until January 2009. Her responsibilities included licensing new generating facilities and development of California’s integrated energy policies. She chaired the Governor’s Climate Action Team subgroup on Energy and Land Use and worked on the creation of California’s low carbon fuel standards.

Prior to her role at the Energy Commission, Ms. Pfannenstiel served as an independent energy consultant, providing assistance to wind energy development projects, as well as helping local housing authorities manage energy costs in public housing facilities.

Previously, Ms. Pfannenstiel spent 20 years at Pacific Gas and Electric Company and its parent, PG&E Corporation. She joined the company in 1980 and, in 1987, she was promoted to Vice President of Corporate Planning, the first woman to become a corporate officer. At PG&E, she led the company’s participation in a multi-party collaborative proceeding which produced many of California’s innovative regulatory policies promoting energy efficiency. She also directed the development of PG&E’s strategies for responding to electric industry restructuring.

Ms. Pfannenstiel is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Clark University. She was also on the Board of Directors of the Alliance to Save Energy and a Director of Energy Recovery, Inc., a company manufacturing high-efficiency components for seawater desalination. Ms. Pfannenstiel graduated from Clark University with a B.A. in Economics and the University of Hartford with an M.A. in Economics.