

Karnig H. Ohannessian
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Environment)

Karnig Ohannessian was selected Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Environment) in January 2016. He is the principal policy advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) on environmental programs including planning, protection, compliance, restoration and pollution prevention, and management of natural and cultural resources for Department of the Navy activities worldwide.



Mr. Ohannessian was selected to the Senior Executive Service in December 2013 as Deputy Director, Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, where he was the senior civilian responsible for policy and resourcing of four programs affecting Fleet and Shore readiness: energy, environmental, compatibility and sustainability, and radiological controls. From 2003 to 2013 he worked on environmental, base realignment and closure, and shore readiness programs at the installation, region and national levels at Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment), and Chief of Naval Operations Shore Readiness Division.

Prior to joining the federal civil service, Mr. Ohannessian worked 13 years in the private sector at engineering and consulting companies in Southern California, rising to senior positions including principal engineer and executive officer.

Mr. Ohannessian holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley (1990), and a master of business administration degree from the University of California, Los Angeles (2002). He is a registered professional engineer in the State of California as a chemical and civil engineer. He is the recipient of two Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Awards.