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The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
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Dear Secretary Mabus,

Recently, we witnessed the U.S. Navy participating in the Rim of the Pacific multinational naval exercise with the sailing of the great "Green Fleet." While I continue to support the development and use of all alternative fuels, I have grave concerns about the cost of "greening" our military and the overall impact on our readiness.

It has been reported that the Navy spent \$12 Million for 450,000 gallons of biofuel which equals approximately \$27 a gallon. When added to an additional 450,000 gallons of traditional fuel, the cost per gallon is reduced to \$15 a gallon, still over three times the cost of traditional fuel. Over the last three years we have seen the budget of the Navy drastically reduced, but yet the Navy can spend \$13.5 Million on fuel that should have cost only \$4.5 Million. These figures only account for the price of the biofuels that were bought directly from Dynamic Fuels.

I respectfully request a detailed report that provides the total cost of this "green" event. The report should include at a minimum: total fuel burned, type of fuel and cost to ship the fuel from Louisiana and Texas to Washington state by ground; total number of vehicles required to transport the 450,000 gallons of fuel from Louisiana and Texas to Washington; total fuel burned, type of fuel used and cost to transport the biofuel from the port to Hawaii; cost to the Navy to paint logos on its aircraft and ships to promote the event, and cost to repaint the aircraft and ships after the event concluded; cost of the green hats and t-shirts to mark the event, and who provided the funding; number of days the 900,000 gallons of 50/50 blend supported operations; total number of gallons of fuel used, broken down by biofuel and traditional fuel, during the event for all aircraft and ships to include all supply ships; and number of aircraft and ships that operated solely on traditional fuel during event.

I have long been a proponent of an all of the above strategy on energy development. This strategy not only requires harvesting our resources from above the ground but below it as well. Requiring the Navy to spend exorbitant amounts of an already stretched budget on alternative fuels is impacting our near and long term readiness. It is our duty to efficiently and wisely use the limited resources at our disposal to provide for the defense of this great nation.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator