



PRESS RELEASE

Is NAVY the New Green?

Locally produced biodiesel to be used in tactical vehicles on Marine Corps Base Hawaii

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Pacific Biodiesel's cleaner, safer, locally produced premium biodiesel is being used on Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the first time as of Friday May 28. The Biodiesel Demonstration in Tactical Vehicles Project will test the performance of B20 (20% biodiesel blended with 80% diesel) in selected military vehicles, and Pacific Biodiesel is donating the biodiesel for the initial fill-up. The renewable, sustainable biodiesel is processed locally from used cooking oil, including oil collected from dining facilities on MCBH, enabling the base to play a role in supplying its own fuel.

"The military is one of the biggest consumers of petroleum in the country and Pacific Biodiesel is happy to be part of the solution to our energy security and sustainability issues," said Kelly King, Vice President and Director of Marketing and Communications. "The disastrous spill in the Gulf should be our last wake-up call that the true cost of petroleum is not accurately reflected at the pump and that we must reduce our dependency on fossil fuel."

The biodiesel industry has been plagued with hardship in 2010 due largely to our lawmakers' failure to extend the biodiesel federal tax credit. "The military recognizing the importance of using biodiesel reinforces that it's an essential part of a sustainable energy future," said Bob King, President of Pacific Biodiesel. "Now it's time for Congress to take action and reinstate the expired tax credit that has 70 percent of the industry shut down."

Hawaii has gained national attention for the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, an unprecedented partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that aims to have at least 70 percent of Hawaii's power come from clean energy by 2030, and this project shows a real commitment by the military to set an example for the state and lead the way.

Testing will be done regularly on fuel quality, fuel stability, and operational parameters. The results of this evaluation will support future efforts to use B20 in non-tactical fleets by ensuring fuel quality and identifying appropriate environments for its use.

Biodiesel is a cleaner-burning, non-toxic alternative to petroleum diesel. Even in blends, emissions of smoke, carcinogens, aromatics and other pollutants are reduced. Made from vegetable and / or animal fats, biodiesel can be used in any unmodified diesel engine.

Pacific Biodiesel has built 12 plants in the U.S and Japan, including two in Hawaii. The Maui and Oahu facilities produce close to 1 million gallons of biodiesel per year and all of the fuel is sold locally to help Hawaii meet its energy independence goals. The company is currently underway with a third plant on the big island, Big Island Biodiesel, which will utilize the advanced zero-waste, super efficient processing technology and have a capacity of more than 2.6 million gallons per year.

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