The U.S. Military is the largest single consumer of energy in the world and one of the world’s largest sources of greenhouse gases.

Proud of Reducing Your Carbon Footprint? The Military is Immune

- The U.S. Military, the single largest institutional polluter and contributor to global warming - the US military - is immune to climate change concerns.
- The Pentagon has a blanket exemption in all international climate agreements. Its carbon footprint is not counted.

Re-fueling Conflict Internationally:

- Nearly 1,000 US military bases trace an arc from the Andes to North Africa across the Middle East to Indonesia, the Philippines and North Korea, sweeping over all major oil resources - all related, in part, to projecting force for the sake of energy security.
- Environmental damage itself leads to conflict. Fractions in resource-poor countries have historically used military force for material gain, having few other options. The desperation leads to a vicious cycle of conflict.

Toxics Maim and Kill

- Children in Iraq are getting cancer at alarmingly increased rates due to the U.S. Military’s use of depleted uranium during the war.
- The dust cloud created by a DU (depleted uranium) bombing is chemically toxic and radioactive and spreads with the wind.
- When inhaled by humans and animals, it causes birth defects, cancer, paralysis and death.
- DU cannot be removed from the land and air, and continues to decay into more radioactive waste for thousands of years.
Your Tax Dollars, Your Priorities?

- Every hour, U.S. Taxpayers pay $58 million for the Department of Defense.
- In comparison, only $3.4 million per hour is spent on Environmental Protection.
- In 2006, the US spent more on the war in Iraq than the entire world spent on renewable energy investment.
- The projected full costs of the Iraq war (estimated $3 trillion) would cover “all of the global investments in renewable power generation” needed between now and 2030 to reverse global warming trends.

Power to the People and the Environment

If we implement the right policies and frameworks, we can achieve large-scale deployment of renewable energy that creates jobs, increases incomes, improves trade balances and contributes to industrial development.

What You Can Do!

Share this! Many folks aren’t aware of the information and we can’t count on Media to provide it. Knowledge is power!

Talk to your representatives and challenge candidates. If we don’t question the status quo, nothing changes.

Learn more! Start by checking out the references on this flyer.

Volunteer! Join the PRC or another organization working for peace, justice and sustainability.

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