

Congress Takes Aim At Green Pentagon Programs

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The Pentagon is the world's largest consumer of fossil fuel – and it wants to go green. But congress is pushing to torpedo the whole idea. Stay on oil. We'll look at the military and big oil.

The U.S. military is the country's number one energy consumer. All those warships, planes, Humvees and bases drink a lot of oil. The Pentagon has made a loud, high priority of wanting to get to alternative fuels, green fuels, as an issue of national security. Safer supplies. Less volatile prices.

And a candid admission that fossil fuels, long-term, are themselves a security threat. Now, Congress is moving to throw the brakes on the Pentagon's go-green campaign. Republicans, Texas oil-country reps, coal-state Democrats saying no.

This hour, *On Point*: torpedoing the Pentagon's move to green.

-Tom Ashbrook

Guests

Noah Shachtman, editor of *Wired* magazine's national security blog, Danger Room and a nonresident fellow at the Brookings Institution. You can find his reporting on the fight over Pentagon's biofuel efforts [here](#).

Phyllis Cuttino, director of the Pew Clean Energy Program and director of the [Pew Project on National Security, Energy, and Climate](#), which recently issued a major report on the Pentagon and green energy.

Dennis McGinn, a retired vice admiral, he's the president of the American Council on Renewable Energy.

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