

Department of Navy Receives National Energy Security Award

In June of 2005 the National Biodiesel Board (NBB) awarded the Department of Navy the *National Energy Security Award for Outstanding Energy Leadership through Biodiesel*.

Joe Jobe, Executive Director of the NBB has stated:

“The U.S. Navy is the largest diesel fuel user in the world, and by taking responsibility for reducing its own use of petroleum, the Navy has demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing the use of biodiesel and other alternative fuels. With the United States importing more than half of its oil needs, turning to domestic energy sources like biodiesel is vital. The U.S. Navy has recognized the importance of increasing domestic energy security by turning to homegrown solutions.”

The official press release regarding the Department’s reception of this award highlights that:

-In 2003, Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, California began a pilot program to make biodiesel from its own biodiesel processing unit.

-The Navy Exchange Quarters “K” (adjacent to the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery) offers biodiesel (B-20, a blend of 20 percent biobase and 80 percent diesel) to government fleets and to the general public.