

ACTION ALERT

Support the “Military Environmental Responsibility Act”

What: The Military Environmental Responsibility Act (MERA) is a bill proposed by San Diego Congressman Bob Filner which would remove all military exemptions from our state and federal environmental laws. The effect of MERA would be to bring military operations under the same environmental regulations as the private sector.

Why: The U.S. Military is exempt from many important environmental and public safety laws. It is exempt from the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, sections of the Clean Water Act, and naval nuclear reactors are not regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Impacts from military projects that are unregulated mean that communities neighboring military bases have less environmental protection than other cities in the nation just because they are hosts to the U.S. Military. In addition, when it comes to military operations, even when the law applies, regulators have no ability to assess fines, shut down polluting operations or otherwise enforce compliance with the laws that do cover the military. Until the military is brought under complete regulation, our public health and safety as well as our environment will be at increased risk from military pollution.

What you can do:

- Sign the MERA Endorsement Form and return it to the address below!
- Make copies of the MERA Endorsement Form and ask your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to sign!
- Ask your congressperson to support the MERA.

We need you to help us bring the Navy into compliance with all environmental and health and safety laws!

When: Now! We need 1,000 endorsers by March 31, 2001 to launch our campaign, so please send in your form as soon as possible! We will continue to collect endorsements after that date, so please continue to circulate the MERA endorsement form!

For additional information, please contact:

Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft

P.O. Box 15195, San Diego, CA 92175

(760) 753-7518

Please Endorse the Military Environmental Responsibility Act

Help make sure our military follows the same laws as the rest of us!

I, the undersigned individual (or organization) register my/our full and public support for the **Military Environmental Responsibility Act**.

The U.S. Department of Defense and defense-related agencies should be bound by all U.S. environmental, worker, and public health and safety laws, both within and outside of the U.S., and should be held accountable to fully comply with all laws and regulations.

Name _____

Organization _____
(if signing on behalf of organization)

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date _____

Please sign and return to:
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Phone and fax: (760) 753-7518 e-mail: comd@comdsd.org

By signing this endorsement, I agree to allow my name to be used to support the Military Environmental Responsibility Act.

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