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WASHINGTON -- Environmentalists are finding a perhaps unlikely ally in the U.S. armed forces, reports said. The largest solar array in North America is set to open Monday at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., The Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram reported Sunday. And the Naval base at Guantanamo Bay is partially wind powered. The high price of fuel, the push to reduce dependence on foreign oil, and social concern all contribute to a certain military eco-friendliness that has left a favorable impression with environmental activists, the Star-Telegram said. The Defense Department's energy bill was \$13.6 billion last year, making it the largest energy consumer in the United States. Programs to cut costs run from a relatively low-tech initiative to get soldiers to turn out the lights in their barracks to investment in futuristic technologies like super-efficient aircraft.

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