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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) called on President Bush to release

“President Bush is sitting on over 700 million barrels of oil, purchased with tax dollars, in the Strategic Petroleum

“The reserve is 97 percent full and it makes no sense for the President to allow that readily available oil to

The President has broad authority to deploy oil from the reserves during times of national emergencies.

Rep. McNerney was a co-sponsor of the House legislation that in May forced the president to stop filling

Additionally, Rep. McNerney has called on oil companies to begin exploring and drilling immediately on

Rep. McNerney has also called on California’s Attorney General, Jerry Brown, to initiate an investigation