

JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND COMMUNITY
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Dr. Thomas McLaughlin
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NMSS/DWM/DCB Facilities Decommissioning Branch
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Dear Dr. McLaughlin:

We seem to be at the point in the license termination process for the Depleted Uranium area of Jefferson Proving Ground where we need to discuss the toxic heavy metal properties of the DU and where those properties fit into the process. We see a need to coordinate this effort with the parties involved, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Community Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

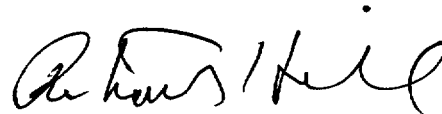
We discussed this situation at our RAB meeting last week. Representatives of the RAB, the EPA, and IDEM were all involved in this discussion. Questions that need to be addressed included:

1. What specifically, are the toxicity and other non-nuclear issues associated with the heavy metal properties of the DU?
2. How does the LTP address those specific issues?
3. Does the NRC have exclusive regulatory jurisdiction over those issues in the course of its environmental review of the LTP? If not, how are those issues addressed?

All parties present agreed that the toxic heavy metal properties of the DU will need to be considered at some point, and that this seems an appropriate time to begin.

We would appreciate hearing from you soon as we would like to begin these discussions shortly.

Sincerely,



Richard Hill
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Cc: Karen Mason-Smith, US EPA

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