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Dr. Mclaughlin:

I serve as the Army's Designated Site Manager at Jefferson Proving Ground, but more importantly I have been a resident of Jefferson County, Indiana for over 20 years. It is in this context that I am emailing you to endorse and adamantly support the Army's request to pursue an alternate schedule in negotiating a modified "possession only" license admendment to the DU license currently held. As you are aware, the local residents have been most concerned with their understanding that monitoring would be ended if the license was terminated. They have asked me, "How can the Army draw such a definitive conclusion that the DU is not migrating based on only 15 years of data---and this for a material that has a half-life of over 4 billion years?" It seems to me that the 4 February letter request to the NRC reflects a very sensible approach and one that the residents will accept.

I would ask that the NRC respond favorably to this. And again please view this email as one from a concerned citizen hoping that the Federal government can understand the sentiment of folks in and around Jefferson County. We may not be the most sophisticated or educated people, but it's an area that prides itself on commonsense. If the Army felt compelled to monitor DU over the last 18 years, and nothing has changed and the material remains in place, it would seem prudent to maintain a monitoring program, albeit at perhaps at a longer interval than every 6 months.

Thank you for the opportunity to express a local opinion.

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