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Subject: Comment NOW to STOP Irradiation Facility in Hawaii!

- > Most of us across the U.S. would love to see Hawaiian mangos and papayas
- > in our local grocery store, but at what price? If a Hawaiian produce
- > export company has its way, it will be at the price of an irradiation
- > facility in Honolulu. Check it out at
- > <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/food/foodirradiation/u-s-food-irradiation/honolulu-facility-1>
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- > This facility would use cobalt-60 to irradiate produce for export. Not
- > only would this dubious venture bring radioactive material to an airport,
- > with its risk of aviation accidents and terrorist threats, but it would
- > also be located in a tsunami evacuation zone and near two military bases.
- > For these reasons, and others, Earthjustice Hawaii challenged the proposal
- > on behalf of a local grassroots group, and was able to ensure that the
- > Nuclear Regulatory Commission conduct an environmental assessment of the
- > proposal.
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- > The Nuclear Regulatory Commission just released their draft environmental
- > assessment of the proposed food irradiator, and found that it would pose
- > "no significant impact." This environmental assessment is insufficient, as
- > it minimizes several serious concerns about the proposal (such as
- > terrorist attacks), and relies almost exclusively on information and data
- > supplied by the operator of the proposed facility. The Honolulu Advertiser
- > weighs in against the NRC's flawed environmental assessment, and its
- > failure to consider alternative sites, noting: "There's nothing gained by
- > either side in an environmental dispute when laws aimed at providing a
- > full analysis of the facts are marginally observed." Read the editorial
- > at
- > <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2006/Dec/27/op/FP612270322.html>.
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- > What to do now? Public comments will be accepted through Feb. 8. Written
- > comments should be submitted to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives
- > Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington,
- > D.C., 20555-0001. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail at
- > NRCREP@nrc.gov or by facsimile to (301) 415-5397, Attention: Matthew
- > Blevins.
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- > Suggested Talking Points for your Comments
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- > NRC did a bad job assessing environmental impact for this proposal:
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- > - There was no independent research/modeling of impact of catastrophic
- > event (i.e. "no new data were measured or derived as part of this
- > report.")
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- > - It is inappropriate to use an inspection report from a Pennsylvania
- > facility. Hawaii is different and should be viewed as such.
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- > - They should have considered an airplane crash's impact on the facility
- > and the effect of losing control of radioactive material.
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- > - They should have addressed security issues.
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