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Dear Chief,

As a member and former chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 and as a concerned resident of Kalihi, I am writing to express my official opposition to the proposed Pa'ina Irradiator Project in Honolulu, Hawaii (Docket No. 030-36974).

The Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board is a community organization dedicated to increasing and assuring effective citizen participation in government. During our monthly meetings since the initial project proposal, we have discussed the initiative and come to the conclusion that we cannot support the Pa'ina Irradiator Project.

I am opposed to the project for the following reasons:

- The proposed project site is very close to the Kalihi-Palama neighborhood. In the event of an emergency, terrorist attack or natural disaster, our residents would be among the first to be impacted.
- Cobalt-60 is a highly radioactive substance that can cause severe illness and death if released. The proximity of the intended site to the Honolulu International Airport increases both the facility's susceptibility to accidental or malicious release and the potential consequences of such an event.
- Although environmental and terrorist threat assessments may have been conducted, the supplemental appendix assessing terrorist threats and the draft environmental assessment links were not accessible on the NRC.gov website as of July 3, 2007.
- Kalihi-Palama is a low-income neighborhood; about seventy-two percent of our residents fall at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level. Our unique circumstances increase our community's vulnerability to potential environmental damage and nuclear material release.

Thank you for the opportunity to present you with my concerns. I hope that the NRC will give careful thought to the points outlined above.

Sincerely,

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