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Dear Joe:

Dr. Hindin has asked that the following published statement be included in support of the petition:

"In aggregate the human epidemiological evidence is consistent with increased risk of birth defects in offspring of persons exposed to DU.... There are three broad categories into which epidemiological assessment of data regarding a causal association between a potential risk factor and an outcome distribute: the existence of association (be it positive or negative), lack of association, the conclusion that the extant data are inadequate for inference. Data are never perfect, hence it is incumbent on the epidemiological/public health analyst to distinguish between situations where the data are so imperfect that no valid inference can be drawn and those where valid scientific assessment allows for attribution of risk. Regarding the teratogenicity of parental prenatal exposure to DU aerosols, the evidence, albeit imperfect, indicates a high probability of substantial risk. Good science indicates that depleted uranium weapons should not be manufactured or exploded."

Dr. Hindin is not available on Tuesday March 13. I have asked her for two or three dates on which she is in the next seven weeks. I have not heard back from Dr. Kang since he and I spoke.

Sincerely,
James Salsman

On 2/27/07, James Salsman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Dear Drs. Hindin and Kang,

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> In an attempt to try to simplify scheduling, I would like to ask just
> you two to please participate in my upcoming NRC DU weapons license
> petition teleconference. It was recently postponed, and has yet to be
> rescheduled, so I hope to hear from you both with your preferred
> times, please. I will make time whenever works.

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> Here are the questions I hope you will please try to answer:

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> 1. Are depleted uranium licensees protecting the public health and
> safety, and the health and safety of the environment, by transferring
> depleted uranium munitions to the military? Why or why not?

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> 2. What health and safety issues resulting from depleted uranium
> combustion product inhalation occurring overseas might occur in the
> United States?

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> 3. What health and safety issues pertain to the use of incendiary
> uranium munitions?

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> 4. Would granting the 2 December 2006 petition serve to protect the
> public health and safety in the United States, and the health and
> safety of the environment? Why or why not?
> -- Ref: <http://bovik.org/du/du-petition-2006.txt>
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> 5. Would denial or rejection of the 2 December 2006 petition inhibit
> protection of the public health and safety in the United States, and
> the health and safety of the environment? Why or why not?
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> 6. Is depleted uranium exposure consistent with increased incidence
> of congenital malformations in humans?
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> 7. Does the accuracy of depleted uranium exposure measurement by
> isotopic analysis of urine depend on the proportion of uranium
> trioxide gas produced in the combustion of uranium?
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> 8. Does the amount of uranyl contamination absorbed by uranium
> combustion product inhalation victims depend on the proportion of
> uranium trioxide gas produced in uranium combustion?
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> 9. Is the uranyl ion teratogenic?
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> 10. Has Dr. Han Kang, the Veterans Administration epidemiologist,
> reported a very sharply increasing trend in the incidence of birth
> defects, rising in the children of male soldiers from 1.8 in 2000
> survey data (and much larger for the children of female soldiers) to
> 2.2 after childrens' medical records were examined in 2003?
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> Thank you both, again.
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> Sincerely,
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