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Subject: NRC hearing request

To the NRC:

I hereby request an NRC hearing on the Army's request for a depleted uranium possession-only permit. and request to join Cory Harden and Isaac D. Harp requests and petition to intervene as...

(1) request for exemption from electronic filing

(2) request for extension of time to file a request for hearing and petition for intervention

(3) petition for intervention

This is the basis for my contention:

1. The Army is basically ignoring Hawaii County Council's resolution 638-08, passed (8-1) on July 2, 2008 which lists eight action points, especially halting all live-fire and anything that creates dust at Pohakuloa training Area (PTA) until an assessment and clean up of the DU contamination already present. I was present at Mauna Kea State park on May 29, 2007 when citizen radiation monitors recorded readings of up to 75 counts per minute with dust devils coming directly off PTA range II, where Davy Crockett DU spotting rounds had been fired, located 1-2 miles away from Mauna Kea Park. The fact of Davy Crockett DU spotting rounds fired at PTA was confirmed by the Army in Aug. 2007, three months after our recorded radiation readings.

2. Army search of contamination is inadequate. Less than 1% of PTA has been surveyed for DU contamination. There needs to be permanent independent air monitoring around the base to determine radiation coming off the base.

3. There needs to be a thorough and complete search of record archives (including classified files) other possible DU munitions used at PTA and other sites in Hawaii beyond the Davy Crockett DU spotting round.

Davy Crockett was first used at PTA in 1962. The Army claims DU has been banned in training since 1996. What about the years inbetween. That's 34 years.

4. Military has ignored Hawaii County Council resolution 701-08 naming Dr. Lorrin Pang, MD as the official county representative on the DU issue with the Army.

5. The Army makes DU health hazard disclaimers without basis and ignores inhalation hazard of DU oxide.

6. PTA is Hawaiian Kingdom Sacred Land that is under illegal U.S. occupation. There is no legal basis for the U.S. to be bombing and continuing control at PTA.

- 7. Decommission PTA instead of expanding live-fire by a factor of two --from 7 million rounds a year to 14.8 million rounds according to the Army's Stryer EIS.**
- 8. The State of Hawaii lease of land to PTA does not allow for a nuclear waste dump at PTA. The lease to PTA should be canceled.**
- 9. Reports of animal tumors in the PTA area need to be investigated for possible links to DU exposure.**
- 10. The pre-cautionary principle needs to be a guiding light for all decision making and involving citizen participation in the decision making process. Afterall, it is the citizens that the Army is suppose to be defending, not endangering.**

The NRC needs to be aware of the military's history of abuse in Hawaii.

In the 1960s, around the same time the Army was testing DU Davy Crockett spotting rounds at PTA, the Army got a lease of State land in the Waiakea Forest Reserve, which is the city of Hilo's watershed, to do what the Army said would be "weather testing." Well the Army lied. They were no doing weather testing, they were testing chemical warfare agents in Hilo's watershed. One of the agents was nerve gas GB that can kill in minutes in dosages of one milligram, approximately 1/50 of a drop. When this military abuse and lying was exposed by Hawaii Congresswoman, Patsy T. Mink, citizen outrage was expressed and the State lease to the Army was canceled. The same should be done today with PTA.

(For more details on the history of military abuse in Hawaii read The Dark Side of Paradise --Hawaii in a Nuclear World, by James V. Albertini, et all.)
Other examples of military environmental abuse: On Hawaii Island, there are 57 known present and former military sites, totaling hundreds of thousands of acres of land and coastal waters that are in need of environmental clean-up. Many of these sites are littered with unexploded ordnance and other chemical toxins. The projected cost of such clean up is in the billions of dollars. But the military claims "No money." The military has plenty of money to make its mess but little or no money to clean up its mess. This travesty of justice and abuse of the earth must end.

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