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SUBJECT: U.S. ARMY SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTING LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUESTS FOR SITES WITH DEPLETED URANIUM FROM DAVY
CROCKETT MUNITIONS (Docket 040-09083)

Dear Dr. Cherry:

I am writing in response to your letter, dated November 12, 2013, in which you provided the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with your proposed schedule for submitting license amendment requests to include additional U.S. Army installations that contain depleted uranium from the Davy Crockett spotting round on your radioactive materials license, SUC-1593 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML13325A975). Your letter states that the first amendment request will be submitted by January 31, 2014, and that the remaining requests will be submitted at approximately 7 week intervals.

While we appreciate the Army's intention to submit the license amendment requests in a timely manner, NRC staff stated several times during the development of radioactive materials license SUC-1593, that the Army may need to provide site-specific environmental information for these additional installations in order for the NRC to determine if environmental monitoring is necessary. We also stated that, in order to facilitate our review of the license amendment requests, it would be beneficial for NRC and Army staffs to discuss the type, scope and quality of environmental information that the NRC will need prior to the Army submitting the license amendment requests. In addition, the Army will be submitting air and plant sampling plans to the NRC in the near future for our review and approval. The results from the implementation of the approved plans may provide valuable information that the Army can use in developing the amendment requests.

Therefore, we believe it would more effective for the Army to complete the air and plant sampling activities and for Army and NRC staffs to discuss the sampling results, and other environmental monitoring issues, before the Army submits license amendment requests for the remaining installations. We suggest that we begin our site-specific discussions as soon as possible. It may also be beneficial to hold one or more of the meetings in conjunction with visits to the installations or at your offices.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-6749 or by e-mail at Dominick.Orlando@nrc.gov.

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