



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Deputy Director:

This letter responds to your April 9, 2014, letter, subject: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff Review of U.S. Army Vegetation Sampling Plan for Schofield Barracks (Docket Number 040-09083). As we mentioned in our January 15 transmittal letter for the vegetation sampling plan, we performed plant sampling in accordance with that plan in June 2013. I enclose "Final Report: Vegetation Sampling for Depleted Uranium, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii," March 2014.

Your April 9 letter says:

- The "... Army should include in the documentation of the sampling results a clear description of the methodology for determining the final sampling location." This description appears in section 3.1 of the report.
- The "... Army should clarify the sample preparation and explain any potential impacts resulting from sample preparation." Section 4.0 of the report describes sample collection and preparation. The report says that the laboratory weighed the samples before and after ashing. Since vegetation sample activity was reported per gram of ash weight, no potential impacts resulting from the described sample preparation are likely.

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