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General Comment

This is a comment on ID NRC-2014-0097, Jefferson Proving Ground License Amendment Application for Source Materials License; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process. I was unable to attend the public meeting held in Madison on Dec. 3, 2014 and so appreciate the opportunity comment via your website.

I strongly urge the NRC to add an additional alternative to be evaluated by the NRC as part of its EIS process - cleanup of the depleted uranium impact area. It is a sad and cruel twist of fate that this area is now managed as a wildlife sanctuary for the public benefit, with the only public benefit being the exclusion of citizens.

The citizens of the state of Indiana, and more specifically, those in rural southeastern Indiana, have borne the burden of the loss of their lands to the federal government in support of freedom for the entire world during the Second World War, with the promise of those lands being returned to them in due time. Not only is that now not possible, we are asked to be content with lands forever polluted with millions of rounds of unexploded ordinance and tens of thousands of pounds of depleted uranium.

As citizens we should at least have the opportunity to have the cleanup of the site evaluated by the proposed EIS. This would give us some rationale for deciding how best to proceed forward with the site in the years to come.

No action is usually the baseline action against which alternatives are measured. The Army's position to do nothing more than it is currently doing, with the hope of doing even less is a true travesty, in light of the hundreds of billions of tax payer dollars spent over seas in decontaminating foreign lands from explosives and other devices used in recent conflicts. The citizens of Indiana, and specifically southeastern Indiana, deserve no less.

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