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Subject: Re: Meeting Summary of Feb 19 2015 Meeting Between the US ARMY and the NRC and Meeting Announcement for the follow-on Meeting with the Army

Aloha Ms. Snyder/Amy,

Mahalo (Thank you) for your e-mail regarding the announcement of the March 24, 2015 meeting between the U.S. Army (Army) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

Regarding the NRC license allowing the Army to possess depleted uranium at the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the island of Hawaii, I am very concerned that the Army has yet to positively identify the precise amount of depleted uranium contamination as well as the precise location(s) in the field of the depleted uranium contamination. What limited information that has been provided by the Army to date, as the NRC is aware, is based primarily on assumptions rather than accurate records and hard facts. In my opinion, these assumptions place the public at unnecessary risk of being exposed to fugitive dust contaminated with depleted uranium. This is particularly so during episodes of high winds when large munitions are employed by the Army in their live-fire training activities at PTA.

Although the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) discounts the potential for adverse health effects from inhalation and ingestion of depleted uranium, more than a few objective experts' around the world disagree. The decision by the DoD NOT to use depleted uranium munitions in their "Operation Inherent Resolve" in Iraq and Syria may be a reflection that the DoD has finally come to realize that they can no longer discount adverse health effects from exposure to depleted uranium, more specifically in the form of chemical toxicity.

Recently, we have experienced a very high level of large munitions live fire training at PTA, including during episodes of high wind. The munitions used are of such intensity that residents report hearing the detonations and feeling the ground shake as if small earthquakes were occurring distances in excess of 50-miles from PTA.

I trust that the NRC will consider placing limitations on the amount and types of munitions that the DoD uses at PTA to safeguard the health of Hawaii island residents and to provide us with a small measure of peace of mind. Definitive answers must be found to replace the assumptions

on the amount of depleted uranium used in Hawaii, the precise location(s) in the field of depleted uranium contamination, and finally the long held assumption that Hawaii is a lawful part of the United States. As explained in the link below, the last assumption, as unbelievable as it may seem, extends even to associate justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

<http://hawaiiankingdom.org/blog/hawaii-law-professor-says-justice-scalia-lacks-constitutional-knowledge/>

Sincerely,

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Hello,

I am the NRC Project Manager for the license that the NRC issued to the U.S. Army for depleted uranium from Davy Crocket spotting rounds. I wanted to let you know that the NRC staff will hold a meeting on March 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) about this license. The Army plans on submitting its application to add the remaining sites to be licensed. The Army intends to address all of the sties, to include the Army’s Hawaiian installations, in its application.

The meeting announcement information can be found at:

<http://meetings.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>. The public is invited to observe this meeting and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion of the meeting but before the meeting is adjourned. If you are interested in calling in to this meeting via a toll-free teleconference, please contact me and I will provide you with the needed information.

Thank you



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