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Aloha Amy,

There is a fire at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, burning the last few days and involving 700 acres of grass and brush. This is an ideal time for air monitoring for DU and as far as I know, there is no air monitoring.

Would NRC be receptive to funding a citizens' monitoring program?

There are a number of concerned residents who have the knowledge, skills, and willingness to initiate a long-term program. The advantage is that there are no salaries, benefits, or overhead to cover, just expenses including purchasing the equipment for sampling and the analytical costs.

Ideally, we would like to involve educational facilities as part of enhancing the various STEM programs on the Island. That would be more expensive as it could involve some salary and costs for K-12 and university staff. A higher expense step would be involving relevant County and State agencies. Naturally, we would invite the US military to participate but as you know, we have not received favorable responses in the past. One of the best monitoring programs was that of Rocky Flats near Denver, Colorado that was an excellent example of stakeholder consortium.

In addition, we would like to involve NRC in this citizens' monitoring program as we feel that could benefit your programs to provide evaluation of a field test, as it would be, that would help the general citizenry understand that radiation is part of everyday life and in large part can be controlled so as not to introduce any additional health risks.

Alternatively, and with a higher cost, we would solicit or NRC could solicit RFPs and have the work done exclusively under contract.

I look forward to your response,

Mahalo nui loa,

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