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SUBJECT: COPY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. ARMY'S LICENSE FOR THE  
JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND (DOCKET NUMBER: 40-8838)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing a request by the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) to amend the Army's source material license (SUB-1435) from "possession-only for decommissioning" to "possession-only" and to exempt the Army from the NRC's decommissioning timeliness requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Paragraph 40.42(d). The license currently authorizes possession-only for decommissioning of depleted uranium metal, alloy, and/or other forms, kept onsite in a restricted area at the Jefferson Proving Ground. If the NRC grants the amendment and the exemption requests, the NRC staff anticipates establishing a license condition that would exempt the Army from the need to submit a decommissioning plan for a limited time, such as 20 years.

As part of our review, the NRC staff has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) and draft finding of no significant impact, enclosed. The NRC staff is making the draft EA available for a 30-day public comment period. We request your assistance in maintaining the enclosed EA at the Jefferson County Public Library for public review. The EA can also be accessed electronically at <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1900/ML19008A310.pdf>. If possible, please keep the EA at the library for a period of one year for the public's use.

If you have any questions about the proposed licensing action or the environmental review process, please contact Ms. Christine Pineda, Project Manager for the EA, at (301) 415-6789 or via e-mail at [Christine.Pineda@nrc.gov](mailto:Christine.Pineda@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

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