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Major Hermann,

Replacing the current video-based brief with an updated script that can be provided at the entry points by remaining personnel as outlined in the 7 points below meets the intent of the Jefferson proving Ground Radiation Safety Plan, Section 15.3.1. Public Use.

Please keep the NRC updated how these decisions regarding FWS staffing and the MOA proceed, if there is concern that there will not be personnel available to provide the script to public visitors.

Thank you,

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Ms. Yadav,

BLUF: FWS has not provided a formal notification letter to pull out from the existing MOA.

To clarify the below “impending pullout from the existing MOA in the next 5 months,” means that the FWS has informed Army their intent to begin formal analysis and risk assessment to analyze the effects of pulling out of the MOA. There is a meeting between Army, ARNG and

FWS o/a 22-24 July to discuss. Should a determination be made to pull out of the MOA. I was informed there would be a 180 day timeframe between formal notification letter and pull out from the existing MOA.

V/r,
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MAJ Hermann,

Just got off a call with Mr Brian Smith, Deputy Regional Manager for the US Fish and Wildlife Service covering JPG. They've indicated that due to staffing shortages tied to their impending pullout from the existing MOA in the next 5 months, they'd like to modify the conditions for access from what we're currently doing in compliance with the NRC requirements and the MOA.

BL: Believe we've come to a temporary solution to maintain the status quo safety briefings for

public access, but agreed in part to work a modification from the current video-based brief to an updated script that can be provided at the entry points by remaining personnel.

I'm requesting your assistance in identifying the steps and process required to get any necessary approvals for this modification. My read on the MOA is that there is not a specific medium identified (only that a brief must be received – video or in-person). My rep at JPG is working with the USFWS rep to quickly produce an updated script for the brief; we want to make sure that it still meets the requirements from the NRC.

All seven of their requested changes (many of which aren't) are outlined below:

1. All safety briefings conducted by the FWS will occur in person at the gate house with the exception of the annual briefing that is provided in coordination with the Big Oaks Conservation Society Annual Meeting, scheduled for the evening of May 18 at the Big Oaks NWR office.
2. Safety Briefings will be valid for 365 days from the date of the briefing and permit issuance.
3. Safety Briefings will consist of map orientation which will focus on the areas that are currently open to public entry or any relevant daily changes or closures. No video will be used in this interim proposal; all briefings under this interim process will be provided by a FWS employee.
4. Staff will read the Acknowledgement of Danger form, line by line, with each visitor who has not previously completed the safety briefing, ensuring that they understand each point and initial that they understand. The form will be completed and a permit will be assigned.
5. Staff will thoroughly review the 3 R's (Recognize, Retreat, Report) of UXOs at safety briefings. Staff will show examples of UXOs and the signs that they will encounter while visiting the Refuge.
6. Staff will remind visitors that there are still active military activities and reiterate the importance of staying out of closed areas and not entering areas that have signage or barricades.
7. Staff will ensure visitors understand the importance of leaving the refuge on time and follow all regulations contained in their permit.

In principle, we have no concerns with these but want to make sure that the modification from a longstanding and approved video to a live, in person brief still meets the requirements. Should have the script shortly – team is working it with USFWS as we speak.

Appreciate the support and assistance.

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