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As the basis for your request, you state that "the continuing deliberate use of DU munitions during battle and during peacetime is resulting in serious health and environmental consequences." Also, you state that "the willful and uncontrolled use of depleted uranium munitions has subjected military personnel, other citizens of the world, and U.S. citizens in Vieques to DU contamination hazards without any viable radiation protection program."

We have determined that your e-mail should be reviewed as a petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the NRC's regulations. The petition review process is public, and accordingly, your petition has been placed in our Public Document Room and electronic document system, where it is available for review by the general public. The affected military organizations are also being provided with a copy of the petition. In order to review your request in a timely manner, we have proceeded to evaluate your petition without a presentation by you to our Petition Review Board.

As provided by Section 2.206, we will take action on your petition within a reasonable time, and notify you of our decision. Please note that as part of our review, we may determine that parts of your petition fall outside of NRC jurisdiction.

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I have assigned Roberto J. Torres to be the petition manager for your petition. Mr. Torres can be reached at 301-415-8112. I have enclosed for your information a copy of the notice that is being filed with the Office of the *Federal Register* for publication.

Sincerely,

/RA/

William F. Kane, Director
Office of Nuclear Materials
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