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SUBJECT: UPDATE REGARDING ACTIONS TO CHARACTERIZE DEPLETED URANIUM  
DAVEY CROCKETT PROJECTILES AT SCHOFIELD BARRACKS AND OTHER  
U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Dear Mr. Crooks:

This refers to Ms. Preston's June 6, 2007, letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML071630506), which provided a summary of the Army's current status and planned future actions as requested in a March 12, 2007 NRC letter (ML070710239), regarding the Army's actions to characterize depleted uranium contamination at Schofield Barracks, and other U.S. military installations. We appreciate the update and have shared the information with the NRC Region IV Office.

Presently, it is the NRC's intent to have Region IV staff on-site at Schofield Barracks to observe and evaluate the performance of characterization survey's by your contractor during the month of August. To facilitate our inspection activities, it is imperative that the survey procedures, which will be used by your contractor, be forwarded to Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg, Chief, Fuel Cycle and Decommissioning Branch, Region IV, as soon as practical. Furthermore, please provide information regarding site access and points of contact, which are necessary for our staff when arriving at Schofield Barracks. Finally, if the tentative schedule provided by Mr. Styvaert, changes, please contact Dr. Spitzberg at (817) 860-8191 and Mr. Mike McCann of my staff at (630) 829-9856 immediately.

We appreciate the receipt of the historical archive search report by the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers regarding the past use of the Davy Crockett Spotter Rounds at Schofield Barracks. Once developed, we request that you provide us an anticipated schedule regarding the Army's expectation when the other site reviews will be completed, and the Army's next course of action to address any other potentially impacted sites.

We look forward to receiving the results of your contractor's scoping survey of the Fort Hood firing range performed on May 25-28, 2007. This report and discussions regarding future actions should be part of the Army's actions to address the Unresolved Inspection Item identified in the NRC's July 9, inspection report (ML071900354).

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Mike McCann at (630) 829-9627 or (630) 829-9856, respectively.

Sincerely,

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