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Re: Comments on the June 1, 2015 CATX request by the US Army for license SUC-1593.

Ms. Snyder:

I urge the NRC to fulfill its role of “protection of public health and safety and the environment” in relation to the use of DU by the Army in Hawai’i. It is irresponsible for the NRC to consider a categorical exclusion to NEPA requirements, since the Army is uncertain how much DU has been used at training sites with Davy Crockett spotting rounds and exactly where it was used. It is also irresponsible for the Army to be allowed to continue to conduct live fire training with high explosives in an area likely contaminated with DU which could then be spread in the wind to troops and surrounding communities.

A full EIS including monitoring and testing to determine extent of DU contamination should be done at PTA and all other Army sites known to have DU. A plan should be developed to contain contamination and prevent further dispersal, including a prohibition against explosives. The first evidence of radiation contamination at Pohakuloa training Area (PTA) was provided by civilian radiation monitors at Mauna Kea State park on May 29, 2007, before the Army had confirmed DU use at PTA.

In summary, I urge NRC to reject the Army’s request for a categorical exclusion to its license to possess DU at Pohakuloa and all other Army sites; require independent testing, monitoring and cleanup of the DU present as called for in an 8-1 Hawaii County Council vote on July 2, 2008; and carry out a full EIS on the issue of radiation contamination to include more than just DU from Davy Crockett spotting rounds.

I would appreciate receiving an update of the NRC decision.

Sincerely,

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