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Aloha,

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Amendment No. 1 to Source Materials License No. SUC-1593 to the Army. This amendment authorizes the U.S. Army to possess depleted uranium (DU).

The NRC has added 15 installations to Source Material License No. SUC-1593. The initial license applied to Schofield Barracks on the Island of Oahu and the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii. The amendment license now also applies to Forts Benning and Gordon (Georgia); Forts Campbell and Knox (Kentucky); Fort Carson (Colorado); Fort Hood (Texas); Joint Base Lewis-McChord/Yakima Training Center (Washington); Fort Bragg (North Carolina); Fort Polk (Louisiana); Fort Sill (Oklahoma); Fort Jackson (South Carolina); Fort Hunter Liggett (California); Fort Wainwright (Alaska); Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (New Jersey); and Fort Riley (Kansas).

The physical security and radiation safety programs are similar to those in the original license. But the environmental monitoring program will change. The Army showed, and the NRC agreed, that less environmental monitoring is needed because the exposures would be well below the NRC limits even during ground disturbing activities. The program now has criteria for developing separate environmental monitoring plans for each of the installations. These plans would generally require limited monitoring of potential routes for transport of contamination out of the impact areas. They would also include criteria for periodic review to address any changes that may affect risk, tailored to the conditions at each installation. The license requires the Army to develop these site-specific plans within six months and submit them for NRC review. If they are approved, the Army must implement the plans within six months. They would then be subject to NRC inspection and enforcement.

The license does not authorize the Army to use the DU or decommission the sites. Any cleanup would require additional review and approval by the NRC to ensure that public health and safety will continue to be protected.

The press release and the fact sheet are found on the NRC's public web page at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/>, and <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/bg-license-app-du.html>, respectively.

The NRC's safety evaluation report and the license amendment will be publicly available on March 28 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16039A225).


If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mahalo.

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