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1 themselves in order. Well done. Well done.

2 So our next speaker is Glenda Mauwae followed by
3 Sparky Rodrigues followed by Nancy Rappaport.

4 Aloha, Glenda.

5 MS. MAUWAE: Aloha, ladies and gentlemen. My name
6 is Glenda Mauwae, born in California and came to Hawaii in
7 the '70s. Lived most of this time on Molokai and recently
8 moved to Waianae.

9 A few months ago, I saw these little signs along
10 the road, "no Stryker brigade," and I wondered what was
11 that about. I'm pretty sure I found out to only know that
12 much about it. But what I do know because of my history
13 -- my mother told me that her mother was full-blood
14 Cherokee. So I looked into my history. They came from a
15 place that's the state called Georgia. And way back --
16 way back when, the United States government removed my
17 people from that land because they wanted that land --
18 what is known as the "Trail of Tears."

19 It's been a continuation. As much as I love the
20 United States and the freedom that I have as a woman of
21 this country, of this nation, I don't want no man telling
22 me I've got to wear a parka.

23 Having said that, I still know the history of
24 Hawaii. Because when I came here, I made a point to read
25 a Hawaii story by the Hawaii queen.

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1 It's not a personal attack against you gentlemen,
2 but this is a personal attack against the United States of
3 America for the lies, the cheating, and the stealing that
4 they have done to native people around this world.

5 But I tell you, this is a bit of a dilemma.
6 Because like I said, I don't want my freedoms to be lost
7 but the sovereignty of these people has got to be
8 respected. And I don't know what it's going to take.
9 Only God can help us in this. And when a man talked about
10 sacredness and only human life is sacred, I'd like to
11 expand your vision on that a little bit, sir.

12 The God created the heavens and the earth. And
13 what he created in my mind and my heart is sacred. And
14 every time a little piece of land gets bombed, it's like
15 bombing his skin as far as I'm concerned. And in this
16 life, you reap what you sow. You live by the sword. You
17 die by the sword.

18 I don't really think that the United States
19 government is really going to take too much to heart, but
20 sooner or later just like Martin Luther King said,
21 "justice rolls down like a river." Because he's watching.
22 And we've got to do what's right for people not what's
23 right for our pocketbook. You take that back to
24 Washington.

25 I'm really sorry for what the United States has

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1 done. I am so sorry. But at the same time, like I said,
2 I don't know the answer. We have to protect ourselves but
3 somehow -- somehow it's got to be done where you respect
4 the sovereignty of the Hawaiian people here.

5 Thank you.

6 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Sparky Rodrigues, followed by
7 Nancy Rappaport.

8 MR. RODRIGUES: Aloha. I've been asked several
9 times how I'm feeling. And I'm not feeling too good with
10 this process and trying to understand that feeling why I'm
11 not feeling good relates to things that are not in here --
12 in this EIS that should be.

13 Some of the things that's going on with memories
14 and images from the past growing up Makaha, being woken in
15 the middle of the night, during the day having the windows
16 rattle, the ground shake from the training that was going
17 on at Makua. Part of the memories are still painful.

18 Waimanalo Gulch, solid waste; Kahe Point Power
19 Station, burning high sulfur fuel; Nanakuli, the highest
20 population for Hawaiians in the world, solid waste, low
21 level hazardous waste right next to Nanakuli; Lualualei
22 Magazine, ten miles worth of blast zone, two-and-a-half
23 miles EM radiation around their million watt transmission
24 powers.

25 We're downwind from Schofield. All the training

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1 that blows the trades right into our Waianae coast. And
 2 then Makua. The place they will be transporting
 3 ammunitions through our community to get to.

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4 In here it says, "transportation, no significant
 5 impact." How big are the Strykers? How wide are they?
 6 How heavy are they? Where does it say here -- hold on.
 7 "Increase in military vehicle trips would have less than
 8 significant impacts on the Farrington Highway traffic."

9 They cone off one road -- one lane out here to
 10 just do a little bit of paving and traffic is backed up
 11 for miles. I've been backed up to Barbers Point trying to
 12 get home in the evening. Sometimes it takes an hour to
 13 get out of Waianae with normal traffic. If there is an
 14 accident, forget it. And you're saying that there is no
 15 significant impact.

T33-2

16 Another interesting thing is the aircraft flyover.
 17 Every time the choppers go over me I think Hueys. That's
 18 my experience with them. Less than significant military
 19 vehicles, less than significant. When I'm woken in the
 20 middle of the night sleeping -- trying to sleep and it
 21 brings back these flashbacks, it's not less than
 22 significant.

T33-3

23 What's not included is the health impacts -- the
 24 cumulative mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual
 25 impacts. How do you measure those? Lack of productivity?

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As discussed in Section 4.6 of the Draft EIS, the impact of additional traffic generated by the project at key intersections would not be considered significant, based on the current traffic volumes along Farrington Highway. The dimensions of the Stykers are a length of 275 inches, a width of 107 inches, and a height of 104 inches. The maximum weight of the vehicle is 41,300 lbs. The fully equipped weight of the Stykers would not exceed the Hawaii Department of Transportation State Statutes Governing Vehicle and Weight (Section 19-104-21). As described in Section 4.6, passenger car-equivalent factors were applied for the intersection operations analysis to account for differences in size and maneuverability of the military vehicles.

T33-2

The assessment of psychological impacts on the civilian population is outside the scope of NEPA. The focus of NEPA is on the environment. Pursuant to CEQ Regulations 40 CFR Part 1500, "NEPA is our basic national charter for protection of the environment." "The NEPA process is intended to help public officials make decisions that are based on understanding environmental consequences, and take actions that protect, restore, and enhance the environment."

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Please see response to Comment T32-2.

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1 Depression? How are these measured? Are the vets in
 2 Kahala exposed to these things? Are the vets in Manoa
 3 exposed to these things? On the environmental justice,
 4 environmental racist is not even considered -- not
 5 mentioned.

T33-4

6 We are predominantly a community of color,
 7 economically challenged, and you've been here for 75 years
 8 impacting our community. Half the kids in our high school
 9 here in ninth grade do not graduate. Just recently, the
 10 Hawaiian language class was taken out of Nanakuli High.

11 How does that relate to you and the EIS to not
 12 include the cumulative impacts of your presence -- has
 13 influenced and impacted our community for years and for
 14 generations?

T33-5

15 Some of the things I see in here it says,
 16 "significant" and "unmitigatable impacts." The
 17 archeological sites haven't been surveyed but you're going
 18 to run a 20-ton vehicle over land and you don't know
 19 what's under it yet.

20 Uncle Walter, which has passed, said there were
 21 heiaus where the machine guns were set up and that was
 22 bulldozed. The area where the puu -- that is now level.
 23 The CCAAC course that was built was done without permit.

24 Things that are omitted here were the
 25 intentional -- or by accident appears to be a way of

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T33-4

The Draft EIS identified long-term, cumulative environmental justice impacts on the Waianae community in Sections 4.12 and 5.3.12. Moreover, the EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act with applicable federal and Army regulations. Review of the Draft EIS by the US Environmental Protection Agency found the document to be adequate.

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Surface surveys have been completed for the entire area within the south firebreak road except for those areas containing improved conventional munitions. Surface surveys have also been undertaken for the majority of the surface danger zone of the 105mm round. Surface surveys have also been undertaken for the Ukanipo Heiau complex, Koiahi Gulch and almost all of Kahanahaiki Valley. This coverage is reflected in Figures 3-24 and 3-25 in the Draft EIS.

Subsurface testing has been undertaken in Sites 4243, 4244, 4245 and 4246. This testing showed there is a subsurface component to these sites; however, this limited testing resulted in protests from two Native Hawaiians due to the invasive and destructive nature of the testing.

An additional subsurface archaeological survey was conducted in November and December of 2006. The results of this survey have been incorporated into Section 3.10, and the survey report is included as Appendix G-9.

The Army has completed all surface and subsurface archaeological surveys consistent with NEPA and the settlement agreements with Malama Makua.

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1 testing whether we can figure things out. I had asked the
2 last time for an extension of time, 120 days.

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3 And I'd ask for additional funds to fund technical
4 assistance for people to come in and read these things and
5 explain it to us. You guys have had over 34 people
6 contributing to this, and I said, well, maybe you guys are
7 making \$100,000 each and that's over \$3.5 million for four
8 years. You do the math.

9 Give us that same amount of resources so that we
10 can go ahead and understand what you put here. The kind
11 of questions that you're going to be asking so at least we
12 can do it with intelligence. I don't think you're being
13 fair with us, me as an individual, my family.

14 You're exposing us to chemicals, and yeah, the
15 chemicals I use in my house is a choice whether I do or
16 not. The chemicals you're exposing me to and my family,
17 my generations to come is not my choice.

T33-8

18 Some of the things changes and impacts us
19 genetically. What we are going to look like as a
20 community in 20 years? 2029 the lease runs out. It's 100
21 years of use. What kind of cumulative impacts will you
22 have exposed us to?

23 The chemicals you do expose us to -- what's
24 interesting is it's an equal opportunity poison whether
25 it's a supporter or somebody that's not supporting what

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T33-6

The Army extended the public review period from 60 days to 75 days. In response to comments, an additional 60 days were provided to the community to review the Draft EIS and associated studies related to marine resources and archaeological surveys, from February 2 to April 3, 2007. The technical experts retained on behalf of Malama Makua were provided 76 days for review of the marine resources study, archaeological study, and Draft EIS.

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The Army has funded technical experts to provide the community with the support needed to understand the technical issues associated with this project and to provide substantive input into the impact analysis process.

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The Army thanks you for your comment and appreciates your participation in this public review process. Your comment has been considered and has been included as part of the administrative record for this process. In addition, cumulative impacts are addressed in Chapter 5.

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1 you're doing. So you're poisoning us all equally.
 2 The only alternative that I see is to clean up
 3 what you've done and return it to a cultural and
 4 traditional use. Thank you.

5 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Nancy Rappaport followed by
 6 Doreen Redford followed by Paulette Kaleikini.

7 MS. RAPPAPORT: Hello. I'm very new here. I live
 8 one valley over from Makua. I live in Makaha. And I came
 9 on Monday night, and it was the first I've heard of any of
 10 this. And I'm very surprised that I've moved into a place
 11 that has all of this going on. And I found out a lot on
 12 Monday when I listened to everything that people had to
 13 say. And I guess my big question is, I don't even know
 14 why.

15 We're talking about this because from what I
 16 understand, this isn't your land. You were supposed to
 17 have given it back. I don't know why you are there.

18 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Mahalo. Doreen Redford,
 19 followed by Paulette Kaleikini, followed by William Aila.

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20 MS. REDFORD: Aloha kakou. I already really spoke
 21 Tuesday night so I just wanted to say something else. And
 22 basically I feel that the military has committed
 23 cultural -- if not flat out genocide on the Hawaiian
 24 people. And I feel it's the least that you can do is give
 25 this land back to these people.

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The Army thanks you for your comment and appreciates your participation in this public review process. Your comment has been considered and has been included as part of the administrative record for this process.

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1 I grew up within a military community. My father
 2 was in the military and the ignorance of the depth -- the
 3 depth of the beauty of these people and their care for
 4 each other and the land is -- yeah, like I said, the
 5 military is totally ignorant of it. Like I said the other
 6 night, if you guys weren't -- you would never shoot
 7 another bullet into that land.

8 Yeah, grew up in a military family, and I realize
 9 now with my friends that are local how much the military
 10 -- white people in general live just to consume, exploit,
 11 and pollute. And I'm asking you to stop and leave Makua.
 T34-1 | 12 Mahalo.

13 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Paulette Kaleikini, followed
 14 by William Aila, followed by Chris Hunter.

15 MS. KALEIKINI: Aloha.

16 (Speaking Hawaiian.) This draft Environmental
 T35-1 | 17 Impact Statement is unacceptable. Unacceptable period. I
 18 don't even need to have you guys go back and do anything
 19 to it. I'm just going to flat out reject it.

20 Not only is this draft incomplete but it is
 21 insulting. You blatantly ignored the request of our
 T35-2 | 22 people here that you do a thorough and complete job in
 23 assessing the damage that you have done to the people, the
 24 culture, the heritage.

25 Makua is in a lifeless condition, and it must be

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 The EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act with applicable federal and Army regulations. Review of the Draft EIS by the US Environmental Protection Agency found the document to be adequate.

T35-2
 Cumulative impacts of historical military training on these resources were assessed in Chapter 5 in the Draft EIS.

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1 left to heal. The military has a bad tract record of
 2 mistreating the aina. Just look what you've done to
 3 Waikane, Waikoloa, Waimea, Puuloa, Pohakuloa, Kahoolawe.

T35-3

4 Continued military use of Makua has caused
 5 extensive damage to the aina, the damage affected our
 6 cultural sites, endangered species, generated pollutants
 7 that contaminate our aina with hazardous chemicals which
 8 threaten the health of na oiwi, the people of the land.
 9 This is genocide. I say it's genocide because I don't see
 10 the stuff happening on the American continent.

T35-4

11 My manao on this draft EIS is that the military
 12 failed to address thoroughly that they have actively
 13 looked for other locations to train your troops. Simply
 14 stating that the terrain of Makua suits the needed
 15 environmental requirement for the training of your troops
 16 is unacceptable. Go back and search again.

17 Try some place else on the American continent.
 18 Try some place like Death Valley. That place is already
 19 lifeless and dead. But you guys don't want to do that.
 20 You want to train your troops here in our islands because
 21 there is the availability to relax in our tropical
 22 islands. Well, you can't have it. So I say that we kue,
 23 this draft EIS and you take it back to where you came
 24 from. Mahalo.

25 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Next speaker is William Aila.

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The Draft EIS evaluated the effects of proposed military training in Chapter 4 and cumulative impacts of military use of MMR in Chapter 5.

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The EIS considered other training locations in Section 2.5. Based on the analysis in the section, the Army determined that only MMR satisfies the purpose and need for the proposed action.

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1 MR. AILA: Aloha. For the record, my name is
 2 William Aila. And for the record, I did that (indicating)
 3 so that Colonel Killian and the gentleman next to him can
 4 see that contrary to testimony provided earlier that
 5 Hawaiian culture did not stop in 1819. In fact, the
 6 Hawaiian culture continues in Makua today. These pictures
 7 were taken in Makua. So it's very important for the
 8 cultural resource specialist to understand that and then
 9 convey that to the folks who rotate every year-and-a-half
 10 to two years in and out that the culture is alive. It is
 11 well. It's growing. It is expanding as we learn more
 12 about ourselves.

13 And in saying that, we come to one of the
 14 deficiencies in your draft EIS. That deficiency not
 15 knowing the universal -- the cultural inventory within the
 16 CCAAC, within the surface danger zones because the testing
 17 that's been done to date is inadequate and incomplete. So
 18 you want to -- you want us to testify and offer
 19 suggestions on how to improve your EIS when we aren't
 20 given the complete facts. That's one example.

21 Another example is in the EIS, the discussion of
 22 the Commanding General of the Pacific is not stated. It's
 23 not spelled out. So we don't know what the universe of
 24 alternative really is. We know what your universe of
 25 alternatives that you want us to look at is, but without

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The level of training described for the alternatives was not based on the specific training requirements of the Army, but on the need for various military units to train at MMR. In this sense, the types of training and number of training days described under each alternative represent maximums below which actual use of MMR would fall. Because of this approach, the discretion of Army commanders to reduce training requirements for their units would not greatly expand the range of alternatives available to accomplish the Army's purpose and need. The discretion given to the Major Command Commander is still dependent on the assessment of the unit for combat. The Major Command Commander cannot eliminate training requirements that in his judgement are necessary for unit readiness, notwithstanding environmental considerations.

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1 presenting to us the scope and the breaths of the
 2 discretion that the General has in terms of designating
 3 what is certified training, you betray the trust in us.
 4 You're telling us only part of the story, and you want us
 5 to only look at part of the story.

T36-2

6 The NEPA process is supposed to allow us to look
 7 at all of the story. So please stop hiding that part of
 8 the story from us and please go back and tell Tetra Tech
 9 and the Army Corps of Engineers that the universe of
 10 options is really this, and it's not just options 2, 3,
 11 and 4.

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12 Further, there is no financial analysis of those
 13 options 2, 3, and 4 or any of the options that might be
 14 available had we been informed of the discussion that the
 15 Commanding General of the Pacific possesses. That's the
 16 third one that you hide from us and not share with us.
 17 And Silas, it's the third one in which this document does
 18 not comply with NEPA.

19 For all you folks that are out in the audience
 20 that work for and are putting together this EIS, I want
 21 you to write down -- because I see a lot of you taking
 22 notes -- I want you to write down this phrase, "Can we
 23 live with it?" And that's for you. "Can you live with
 24 it?" The reason I want you to write that down is because
 25 we have to live with it.

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T36-3

The alternatives considered in the EIS, both those evaluated in detail and those eliminated from further analysis, were analyzed based on their ability to achieve the proposed action and meet the purpose and need, not on whether they are cost prohibitive. For this reason, no financial analysis of the alternatives is included in the EIS.

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1 So I want you guys to write that down -- all of
 2 you guys that are taking notes and are going to get
 3 together later on and talk about what was said, and I want
 4 you to discuss that. "Can you live with it?" And
 5 understand that we have to live with it.

6 When you rotate out two years from now, when you
 7 go on to your next environmental job, you have to stand by
 8 the integrity of this document. And my words telling you
 9 that in three places you have not divulged the truth. You
 10 have to live with that.

11 Now that I have informed you that you are not
 12 telling the truth that you, Silas, representing the Army
 13 are not complying with NEPA, you guys have to live with
 14 that not me. We have to live with what's left in Makua.
 15 You have to live with what you're doing to this process
 16 and in this process what you're doing to us.

17 So can you live with it? I want you to think
 18 about that all night tonight. I want you to think about
 19 it all day tomorrow, and I even want you to think about it
 20 on Saturday when you give the same talks, when we point
 21 out the same deficiencies in this document, and in this
 22 document in this process because we have to live with it.

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23 The other flaw in this document and we've said it
 24 from scoping -- we've said it in scoping in the Stryker
 25 EIS is, there is no connectivity. So for the Stryker EIS,

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Because the actions proposed for MMR and SBCT are not connected, separate EIS were prepared for those projects. While those projects were designed so either one could be implemented independently of the other, SBCT Forces may use MMR if the ranges are available after completion of the MMR EIS and ROD. Accordingly, the MMR EIS contains an analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with dismantled CALFEXs for current force and SBCT. See Chapter 5.

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1 we talk about having to revamp your training and all the
 2 other training sites throughout the state, but you don't
 3 talk about Makua. Silas, that's a violation of NEPA with
 4 the Stryker.

5 Now, we talk about Makua but we don't talk about
 6 all the other training in the Stryker. It's like you guys
 7 don't want to mix the two. It's like they're kissing
 8 cousins or something like that. You don't want to mix the
 9 two. The fact that you don't address each other -- the
 10 actions of each other is a violation of NEPA.

11 And Silas, if you don't get your act together,
 12 David is going to see you guys in court again. We are
 13 going to be before Molloway, and I'd hate to hear her say
 14 those words again that this was a deficient EA as she said
 15 about the first one and this is a deficient EIS about this
 16 one.

17 So please take those words into consideration. I
 18 know I've been taught by communications people that you
 19 have to say it three times. So you're going to hear it
 20 from me again on Saturday. I might change up the words a
 21 little bit so you don't get bored, but can you live with
 22 it because we have to. Thank you.

23 FACILITATOR AMARAL: The next speaker is Chris
 24 Hunter.

25 MR. HUNTER: Aloha. My name is Chris Hunter.

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Please see the response to Comment T36-4. The EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act with applicable federal and Army regulations. Review of the Draft EIS by the US Environmental Protection Agency found the document to be adequate.

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1 Much like Aunt Dorrie, I was raised in a military family.
2 The difference was -- is early on, I started to realize a
3 lot of things the military did was wrong.

4 Just the theoretical question how were we supposed
5 to trust you or trust anything that you write when your
6 own command says don't worry about the water on Schofield
7 and two months later it's a super pond site?

8 Just a quick background on some other areas you
9 have practiced in. Some people might recognize some of
10 these. There was a place called Alma Guardo (phonetic.)
11 I think it was in Nevada -- New Mexico -- excuse me.
12 There was the Aberdeen Proving Grounds -- oh, wait,
13 neither of those is inhabitable anymore.

14 My father was in the military for 22 years. I
15 remember when we first started going through this -- I
16 think it was three or four years ago when this came about.
17 In sitting there at home shaking his head going, "Why did
18 we need Makua?" He remembers firing from North Range in
19 the East Range over Kolekole Pass. That's a heck of a lot
20 longer from all the way on the beach and all the way in
21 back of Makua Valley.

22 The other thing that still flabbergast me is the
23 fact it's nothing against you. The reality of it is we'll
24 get you guys. You'll start to see and then it will be
25 time for you to rotate out, and then we'll have to start

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1 the whole process over again.

2 But I see a whole lot of members that were here
3 when we first started. So apparently, we're willing to
4 stay for the long haul because you can rotate out. We
5 don't have that option. This is our home. This is where
6 we live. This is where we raise our families. This is
7 our home.

8 I noticed not a whole lot of emotions as far as
9 all of these things are concerned in practicing in
10 different areas and the cultural values. My dad brought
11 it up a real funny way too. He said, "Would we practice
12 in Arlington or any of the other military sites?" And I
13 don't think so.

14 Again, the same thing as what Uncle William also
15 just said, it was a deficient EA, environment assessment,
16 and it's a deficient EIS. There's big pukas in it.
17 There's big areas missing. Mahalo.

18 FACILITATOR AMARAL: I've come to the end of those
19 people that have signed up to speak. Is there anyone else
20 wishing to speak into the record? If so -- Vince, please.

21 If you do want to speak, I wonder if you can make
22 your way here and then, you know, we'll deal with you that
23 way. Just line up.

24 Vince, can you say your name.

25 MR. DODGE: Aloha. I'm Vince Dodge. I have a

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T38-1 1 request from friends on the Windward side who asked that
 2 perhaps a meeting of some kind can be organized for them
 3 to come out and testify on the EIS. So I'd like for that
 4 definitely to go into the record.

5 There are people all over the islands that this is
 6 a major concern, and of course, it's because of the
 7 control that the military has throughout our islands.

8 I said on Tuesday that the EIS is deficient. It's
 9 failed in many respects, and I just want to repeat some of
 10 that again.

11 There's been no access to the back of the valley
 12 due to the fact that it's supposed that ICMs and --
 13 improved conventional munitions which are antipersonnel
 14 bunkers that were seen in that area some years ago.

T38-2 15 The military -- the Army had agreed to make a good
 16 faith effort to get the necessary waivers so that folks
 17 could go back and study the back part of the valley as
 18 well as we would have cultural access.

19 And as Dave Henkin so clearly pointed out in his
 20 testimony, those requests never left the island. And in
 21 fact, they are still sitting somewhere. That's not a good
 22 faith effort. That's a failure. So you have an EIS that
 23 it's missing a large chunk of Makua Valley in its study.

24 I also want to address the different options. You
 25 know, there is no action and then there is three different

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The Army thanks you for your comment and appreciates your participation in this public review process. Your comment has been considered and has been included as part of the administrative record for this process. All members of public were invited to participate in the three public meetings held for the Draft EIS through advertisements in local newspapers, press releases, and direct mailing of notices. In addition to oral comments, written comments were also accepted through mail, email, and facsimile.

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The Army's waiver request (dated May 5, 2006) was rejected by Army Headquarters on December 21, 2006, as stated in a Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army memorandum, dated January 10, 2007.

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1 scenarios for training. I believe that in the scoping
 2 process, we asked that -- the other -- another option be
 3 considered and some effort be put into researching the --
 4 what would happen if the Army decided to clean up the
 5 valley and to employ people on the Waianae coast to do
 6 that.

7 And we know that there are a fair amount of people
 8 on this coast that would turn out to do that kind of
 9 restoration and reclamation work. We know that kind of
 10 work will take probably decades to do. So there would be
 11 long-lasting employment in our community.

12 And we know that that kind of work is -- has its
 13 dangers and that the compensation is pretty good for that
 14 kind of work. I have the bounty of being on the sweeping
 15 crew for the clean up of some of the UXO, surface
 16 unexploded ordnance, in Makua Valley two summers ago. We
 17 had a crew of about 20 -- mostly young local folks mostly
 18 from Waianae that came aboard and did that work.

19 It's totally possible to clean that valley --
 20 absolutely totally possible. It may never be as safe as,
 21 you know, your local playground. Of course, that depends
 22 where your local playground is. If it's in a place where
 23 the military trained, it's probably not so safe.

24 But that valley can grow food. It's been a bread
 25 basket. It will be a bread basket again. It just needs

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The EIS does not contain this information because remediation of MMR is not proposed at this time, a discussion of this issue is beyond the scope of this EIS.

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1 -- it needs the vision. It needs the intent. It needs
 2 the time and energy to be spent. We believe that that is
 3 an extremely viable option that needs to be considered,
 4 you know.

5 As I sit tonight listening to testimony, it occurs
 6 to me that this is not your EIS. It's our EIS. I mean,
 7 we are all paying for it. It's our tax dollars that are
 8 paying for it. I'd also like to know what the rough cost
 9 for this document is at this point in time. I'm hoping
 10 that Saturday -- I'm asking on Saturday will you please
 11 have that information. And think again this is our tax
 12 dollars at work. We would like to know what this process
 13 has cost us.

14 So it's ours and we have intended from the very
 15 beginning to play a full part in the development of this
 16 Environmental Impact Statement. Because it's really
 17 important to us. It's our valley.

18 So it's -- you know, the more you work with us,
 19 the clearer picture we'll all have of what's going on in
 20 Makua. We need that because we are living here. And
 21 we're going to keep living here. And I think even if you
 22 don't live here, we need that because it's turning out
 23 that this planet is getting smaller and smaller.

24 And what you -- the trash you throw out of your
 25 backyard is landed in somebody else's front yard and vice

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Including all the studies agreed to under the 2001 Settlement Agreement with Malama Makua, the estimated cost of the EIS is approximately \$5 million.

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1 versa. So I strongly urge the Army to take this document
2 back and please continue to work out the deficiencies in
3 it. Mahalo.

4 MR. DETROYE: (Speaking Hawaiian.) Aloha. My
5 name is Butch DeTroye. My kupuna, Uncle Eddie Kahanamau
6 (phonetic) gave me my Hawaiian name Limahana and tells me
7 to introduce myself and say that I live Waianae and nobody
8 going to ask where I'm from. But I am in Waianae via
9 Wisconsin.

10 I was fortunate enough to come to these islands
11 about 33 years ago. I met my wife who is Hawaiian. From
12 her ohana, all of her friends, they taught me Hawaiian.

13 One of the uncles said the other night and tonight
14 he mentioned it again that when the kapu system went out,
15 the other -- tonight he never mentioned it but the other
16 night -- that mana went out with the kapu system. No more
17 mana. That's heavy.

18 Mana has many different meanings which most of us
19 in this room cannot really comprehend. Basically,
20 spiritual power, supernatural power. So I guess when mana
21 went out, and I guess the one no more mana. You know, the
22 one lost its mana. So I guess the sun lost its mana too.

23 So where does that leave us? I felt the mana in
24 the 33 years that I've been here. I've been able to feel
25 the mana. I've been able to experience the mana. I'm

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The EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and with applicable federal and Army regulations. Review of the Draft EIS by the US Environmental Protection Agency found the document to be adequate.

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1 very fortunate to be at Mauka working in the loi, working
2 with kaloa, the spirit of the kau, the ancestor of the
3 Hawaiians. I'm very fortunate to do that.

4 And I want to request a couple of -- I see plenty
5 of nice charts back there, but heavy job. That was really
6 nice stuff explaining everything down to the details, but
7 I don't see the chart where -- how do we measure the loss
8 of mana? Where is that chart, yeah? I like see that
9 chart over there if you can somehow put that -- make that
10 chart for us if we can figure out where that chart is and
11 how much mana has been lost over the years of desecrating
12 that -- that aina.

13 And I would also like, you know, how they get rain
14 gauges where they can catch the water and measure the
15 rainfall amounts over different parts of the islands or
16 anywhere, I like one tear gauge. Yeah, for the tears that
17 -- for the tears of the ancestors -- the kupuna, the
18 aumakua, the akua.

19 Let's have a tear gauge. Let's see how much they
20 are crying. How much they have cried and how much they
21 are still crying. Maybe we can measure that one. We have
22 the technology nowadays to measure everything.

23 So mahalo for letting me speak. Mahalo for
24 listening.

25 Another thing that I want to mention is a sense of

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1 place, yeah. There is no way that you folks can have a
2 sense of place. I was in the military. I'm a veteran. I
3 went and did my duty and learned how to kill during
4 Vietnam. I believed in it very much so at the time. I
5 thought the Communists were coming to America. They were
6 going to come to take us over. Yeah, that was the rap at
7 the time. So I had to go fight them over there.

8 After I got out, I learned why I shouldn't have
9 done that. That's one of the reasons that I came to
10 Hawaii to get away from all that action that was happening
11 in America at that time. And my one dream -- my ultimate
12 dream is to become a citizen of Hawaii one day because
13 justice will come. It's been over 100 years already.
14 It's been overall 200 years more but justice will come.
15 And hopefully you folks can help us bring that justice.
16 So mahalo.

17 FACILITATOR AMARAL: There are two people that
18 wish to speak. So I would ask as you come here to the
19 podium, to give your name so the stenographer can get it.

20 Aloha, Carl.

21 MR. YOUNG: Aloha ahiahi kakou. Imiola Young,
22 '-I-m-i-o-l-a, Imiola Young.

23 I'll be real short. I'm glad the former speaker,
24 Butch Hanalima -- Limahana mentioned he was a Vietnam
25 veteran. I was hoping Brother Rocky Naiole would come

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1 up -- and maybe he already came up earlier and he talked
 2 about Vietnam vet. I was in Vietnam in 1968 as a U.S.
 3 Army draftee.

4 So I would like to make three comments about the
 5 environmental impact process. Those of you that attended
 6 tonight, you're lucky to have witnessed something really
 7 amazing -- the revival of the Hawaiian language. Almost
 8 all of the speakers used the Hawaiian language. And what
 9 I would like to connect with is, has the U.S. Army -- has
 10 the U.S. military protected the Hawaiian language?

11 You heard the freedom of the Hawaiians to speak
 12 their language -- indigenous language. You heard the fact
 13 that one of the -- the teachers here tonight -- the high
 14 school in this Hawaiian Homestead area lost its Hawaiian
 15 language teacher. And if the military is here to protect
 16 us, I -- I really wonder if the EIS could address that
 17 fact of, is the military protecting that right of the
 18 Hawaiians to have their Hawaiian language?

19 Secondly, when I was in the Peace Corps '64 and
 20 '66, I came across one of the wisemen there. I forget his
 21 name. I think his name was Katilya, K-a-t-i-l-y-a. And
 22 he said that the military -- where ever the military is,
 23 you have briars and thorns. Briars and thorns will grow
 24 where ever the military is.

25 And I think partly the part of that quote was that

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Because this issue does not have an environmental effect and is outside the scope of NEPA, it is not addressed in the Draft EIS.

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1 the -- you have what they call the camp followers. It
 2 creates a false economy. It's one of the impacts I would
 3 like the EIS to address -- that false economy that the
 4 military breeds no matter where it is in the world but we
 5 hear it in Hawaii.

6 Thirdly -- I forgot the third point. What was my
 7 third point? Maybe Sparky will bring that up.

8 Thank you. Mahalo.

9 DR. GLOVER: Aloha kakou. As I listen to the
 10 other speakers, I got thinking of something that I think
 11 has been totally left out of the Environmental Impact, and
 12 it would take a military mind to put it in it. So I can't
 13 figure out how to do it.

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14 But why was Pearl Harbor chosen as a target? Are
 15 not the same circumstances even more so now if there are
 16 people who do not like the United States and who consider
 17 us part of the United States?

18 Wouldn't it be easier to come and drop bombs and
 19 things here because we have all of this military stuff
 20 here than say De Moines, Iowa or Topeka, Kansas where they
 21 have to fly over all of those areas where they'd be
 22 vulnerable?

23 It's just a question that only military minds
 24 could look at as a target.

25 MR. RODRIGUES: Sparky Rodrigues again. I'd like

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The Army's contribution to the local economy is discussed in Sections 3.12 and 4.12 of the Draft EIS.

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Because this issue does not have an environmental effect and is outside the scope of NEPA, it is not addressed in the Draft EIS.

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1 to do a couple of comments. As being part of an unwilling
2 community or unwilling participants in the exposure to war
3 -- and Chris brought it to mind -- part of the training
4 scenarios is having the convoy go through Waianae.

5 In the past, I've seen with my own eyes that on
6 the Humvees you have .50 calibers and the troops there
7 holding on to them and tracking them down the road as he
8 is driving by. What I've seen was that they are tracking
9 mother and two children on the side of the road as they
10 were walking with their .50 caliber.

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11 When I called and talked to the people in
12 Schofield, they said that's part of the training scenario.
13 They do that in every community. I don't want that
14 happening here.

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15 The other part that I would like to include that's
16 not included in the EIS is a timeline for your permanent
17 withdrawal from Makua. Thank you.

18 MR. YOUNG: Just a minute. I remember the third
19 point.

20 I had the opportunity to spend a couple summers in
21 Geneva with the United Nations, and it's amazing in Hawaii
22 we don't find out. We don't hear much about the United
23 Nations national law, human rights according to the rest
24 of the world. We hear a lot of stuff coming from the
25 United States but very little about what's happening

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Tracking civilians with weapons is not a part of any training scenario. Weapons are locked when driving through civilian areas. Future situations of this nature should be immediately reported to the Army's Public Affairs Office and include the bumper numbers of the vehicles involved, so that appropriate action can be taken.

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1 around the world.
 2 And the United States -- the United Nations --
 3 excuse me -- the United Nations has some very strong
 4 words about the military. Around in the early 1970s, huge
 5 changes were taking place around the world. The Pacific,
 6 Africa, a lot of countries becoming decolonized, becoming
 7 independent.

8 If you look at the United Nations documents --
 9 what I want to say is the EIS would address this, and how
 10 does the military impact the self-determination, impact
 11 the dignity of the people? Because if you look at the
 T39-3 12 United Nations documents, it clearly says the military
 13 should get out, leave the people to their own
 14 self-reliance. The impact is very negative.

15 So I wished the EIS can address that in your
 16 future documents. Thank you.

17 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Thank you all very much for
 18 staying this late and for sharing your manao with all of
 19 us. Thank you all for treating one another with such
 20 respect. I really appreciate it. I'd like to invite
 21 Colonel Killian to make some closing statements before we
 22 depart.

23 Colonel.

24 COLONEL KILLIAN: Thank you, Annelle.

25 Once again, I want to thank everybody for coming

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Please see response to Comment T39-1. Further, your comment has been considered and has been included as part of the administrative record for this process.

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1 out tonight. I know what an effort it takes to speak from
2 the heart, and we certainly heard a lot of very sincere
3 and well-thought issues that we will take on.

4 One of the things that we would like you to do, as
5 I said, we are trying to capture this in a number of
6 different media. The idea is to post all of that up at
7 some point. Certainly, we would welcome you to kind of
8 proofread it and make sure we get it right.

9 It's key that we get the issues clearly captured
10 so that we address it correctly. When we go through the
11 staffing process, it will actually generate a final EIS.

12 So, again, I want to thank you for coming out
13 tonight. We have a third meeting scheduled for Saturday
14 down in the Waianae Park District as Annelle has told you.
15 The scheduling should be out on the website. I don't
16 think there will be any changes to any of all of that but
17 if there are, all the latest and greatest news we're
18 trying to post on that website which is makuaeis.com.

19 Again, thank you for coming out tonight.

20 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Thank you very much again for
21 your time. The Saturday hearing begins at 2:00 p.m. The
22 open house begins at 12:00. Drive home carefully and
23 mahalo.

24 (Proceedings concluded at 9:58 p.m.)

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PRIVATE COMMENT

The above matter came on for private comment on behalf of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and the U.S. Army Hawaii at Nanaikapono Elementary School, 89-153 Mano Avenue, Nanakuli, Hawaii, commencing at 8:38 p.m., on Thursday, August 25, 2005.

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1 MS. GLOVER: In Volume III -- and there's no
 2 page -- appendix G2, hydrogeologic data, the frequency of
 3 detected arsenic concentration chart shows that in one of
 4 the samples, it was in the toxic level two and a half
 5 times what it should be in the maximum residential soil.
 6 But I haven't been able to find which place they got that
 7 sample.

8 That's it. I think that's it.

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9 Similar problem with the frequency of detected
 10 lead concentrations. All of these seem to be above the
 11 desirable residential maximum, but it would be helpful to
 12 know the sites from which they were obtained.

13 Thank you.

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15 (Proceedings concluded at 8:40 p.m.)

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The highest level found in sampling for arsenic was at the Objective Elk site (see Appendix G-1, Table K-4). The concentration was 19.1 milligrams per kilogram, which is less than the EPA industrial preliminary remediation goal. In the frequency table, Appendix G-2, the arsenic sampling was reflected as above 17,500 micrograms per kilogram but below 50,000 micrograms per kilogram. The lead sampling was also obtained from Objective Elk (see Appendix G-1, Table K-4). Of all the surface soil samples taken, only one sample had a concentration that exceeded the USEPA industrial PRG.

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