

August 31, 2011

Mr. Gary Gill, Deputy Director  
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and

Mr. William Aila, Chairman  
Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources  
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Dear Mr. Gill,

The purpose of this letter is to request that you use your authority to order an investigation into the failure of the United States Marine Corps to report the spillage of strontium-90 into the environment, in the Kaneohe Bay, on the Island of Oahu, in the State of Hawaii, on March 29, 2011.

More specifically, this request stems from illegal behavior on the part of the United States Marine Corps and its civilian employees in the Environmental Department, Base Safety Center, and others. We have learned they knowingly withheld information from the public and other agencies that the CH53 D helicopter that crashed on March 29 was equipped with an In-Flight Blade Inspection System (IBIS) containing radioactive isotope, strontium-90.

We were informed that the day after the crash of the Marine CH 53 D helicopter, representatives from the helicopter squadron met with the following civilian personnel from the Marine's Environmental Department and informed them that the helicopter was equipped with the (IBIS) containing radioactive isotopes, should be treated as a hazardous spill, and that the public and responders should be alerted to these facts. Further, we were informed that the parties in the Environmental Department in receipt of the information are Ms. Carolyn Irvin, Deputy Director, Mr. Randall Hu, and Law Enforcement Personnel Mr. Gordon Olyvar.

Reportedly, these individuals chose not to disclose the presence of dangerous radioactive materials to the general public or responders.

I received a copy of the of the Marines Release Notification filed with your office and found that it did not contain any language about the presence of the IBIS or the radioactive Isotope Strontium-90. The

notification only reported 600 gallons of JP8, Hydraulic Oil and 60 gallons of turbine oil. Furthermore, although the incident occurred on March 29, the notification was not filed until April 25, 2011.

We believe an investigation should be initiated because, during the time the marines failed to report the incident to your agency and the public, members of their teams were actively using geiger counters to search for the IBIS components and reportedly while screening people for contamination. We also understand the radioactive isotope was improperly handled after recovery. Apparently it was transported and stored for a period of time at the waterfront operations area on the marine base. Reportedly high readings were detected in the raft it was placed in and on the pavement where the raft sat for a period of time.

We ask that you immediately initiate an investigation and use a third party to monitor and screen Kaneohe Bay in the vicinity of the crash site to determine if it is safe for the public. We believe this area may still be contaminated since no one has provided a formal notification that the material was there or completely recovered. I am asking that you act immediately for the sake of the public's health and welfare, and the health risk that this material poses to users of the area. We ask that you immediately issue a health advisory, conduct an investigation, and close down the area until it is certified by a third party to be clear and free of any radioactive isotopes.

I have spoken with members of both of your staffs and provided them with information. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 808-782-6627.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please advise me what action you will be taking.

Sincerely,

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August 29, 2011

Mr. William Aila, Chairman  
Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources

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Regarding: Downed military Helicopter in Kaneohe Bay on the Sand Bar

Dear Chairman Aila,

The purpose of this letter is to ask your assistance in obtaining answers to the following questions regarding the downed military helicopter in Kaneohe Bay on or about March 30, 2011. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you on this by Thursday of this week so that I can present it on my Sunday show.

Was your Agency informed by the United States Marine Corps that the downed aircraft was equipped with In-flight Blade Inspection Systems (IBIS)? If yes who informed your agency and when and how were you informed? Please provide a copy of any written notification.

Were your Law Enforcement, David Gulko and other personnel briefed on the presence of the strontium-90 at the crash site? If yes when and how were they briefed?

Did your agency require the United States Marine Corps to monitor the crash site for possible radiation contamination caused by the downed air craft? If yes when did the monitoring take place and what were the results? Please provide a copy of any reports.

Are your employees that worked at and around the site of the downed aircraft being monitored or screened for possible radiation contamination?

Sincerely

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The Honorable Kenneth Silva,

My name is Carroll Cox, host of The Carroll Cox Show on KWAH 1080 AM, airing 8 AM to 10 AM every Sunday morning. This Sunday, September 4, 2011, I will be discussing the Marine helicopter that crashed in Kaneohe Bay last March. I would appreciate your answering the following questions regarding the helicopter:

Were your emergency fire and rescue and first responder personnel advised that the military helicopter that crashed on or about March 30, 2011, in Kaneohe Bay was equipped with an In-flight Blade Inspections System (IBIS) that contained strontium -90, prior to conducting the rescue of the pilot and crew ? If not, when and how were your personnel told about the presence of strontium -90 at the crash site?

Did you or your representatives meet with the United States Marine Corps to discuss the Marine's failure to notify your agency about the presence of strontium90 aboard the downed aircraft? If yes, when did this meeting occur and what was the outcome?

Were any of your personnel impacted or contaminated by the strontium -90? Is your department screening any of your personnel for possible radiation contamination from the crash site? If yes, how many and to what degree were they impacted?

Sincerely,

Carroll Cox