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Aloha Board members,

In light of a recent State finding that that military training is not compatible with conservation land at Pohakuloa, the new rules should not allow any military training on conservation land beyond what has been previously approved.

In June 7, 2022 comments on a recent Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Pohakuloa Training Area, the State Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) said “Military use that involves maneuvers, ammunition, artillery and mortar systems, depleted uranium, explosives, firing points, hazardous materials and waste, live fire, unexploded ordnance, and weapons systems do not appear to be consistent with the Conservation District...The OCCL was alarmed at the number of previous dump sites on the state-leased land. It is inappropriate to conduct this type of warfare practice upon Conservation District land adjacent to areas designated as critical habitat for the palila; and a recreational campground for the people of Hawaii.”

...DLNR Chair Suzanne Case was also concerned about the impact to nene, the Hawaiian hoary bat and its habitat and said the draft EIS lacked mitigation measures.

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/08/16/state-land-department-has-scathing-surprising-comments-armys-training-pohakuloa/>

The present Red Hill crisis is a reminder these toxic materials deserve our strict attention.

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