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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE OF HAWAI'I

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE OF)	Docket No. 21-UST-EA-02
HAWAI'I)	
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Complainant,)	DECLARATION OF CARLY
)	LINTNER
vs.)	
)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE)	
NAVY,)	
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Respondent.)	
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DECLARATION OF CARLY LINTNER

I, Carly Lintner, declare that if called as a witness in this action I would testify of my own personal knowledge as follows:

1. I am twenty-six years old and live with my husband Kristian and our 16-month-old son Jack at Aliamanu Military Reserve (AMR). My husband is an active-duty service member and we have lived at AMR since December 2019.

2. On or around November 22, 2021, my son developed red blotches on his skin, primarily along the back of his legs and on his stomach. I called the 24-hour nurse hot line for advice. The on-call nurse advised that I apply cortisone cream which seemed to help alleviate the itching, but the rash persisted. Around that same time, our previously healthy three-year old dog stopped drinking water and began regularly throwing up.

3. On Thursday November 25, 2020¹, which was Thanksgiving Day, I noticed an unusual smell in the house, but I was uncertain where the smell was coming from. I thought that the water smelled bad, but when I asked my husband if he thought the water smelled strange, he said no. That day, I also started experiencing digestive problems including diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. At the time, I thought I possibly had food poisoning because everyone who ate Thanksgiving dinner with me, including my husband, experienced similar symptoms.

4. On Friday, November 26, 2021, I thought the water smelled even worse, so I stopped drinking water from the tap, although I continued to drink water from the refrigerator, and to use the tap water for other things like washing my hands, brushing my teeth, and bathing my son.

5. On Sunday November 29, 2021, I saw a post on the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Facebook page notifying residents that the Department of Health had posted a drinking water advisory that included AMR. At that point in time, I stopped using the tap water at AMR for any purpose.

6. On December 1, 2021, I took my son to the doctor because he appeared uncomfortable, his bowel movements were irregular, and, overall, he seemed less happy than is normal for him. The doctor said because his vital signs were fine the only thing to do for my son was to treat his symptoms with over-the-counter medications.

7. On December 3, 2021, my husband and I obtained a hotel through the Army to use for showering and bathing our son, but we continue to sleep at home where we have to do all regular handwashing and dishwashing with bottled water.

8. Moving between the hotel and our home has imposed a hardship on our family. Among other difficulties, my husband and I were recently diagnosed with COVID, which I believe we caught because of exposure to multiple strangers while staying at the hotel. Additionally, the cost of additional gas has raised our daily living expenses.

9. To this day, both me and my husband continue to experience stomach pains and other digestive problems, although the doctors have said that petroleum poisoning symptoms do not usually persist for this long. Luckily, my son and our pet appear to have recovered completely, but I am worried about the long-term health effects, particularly for my son.

10. I support the Sierra Club's goal to obtain a permanent fix for the Red Hill fuel tanks including moving the petroleum to another location where it cannot contaminate our drinking water in the future.

I declare under penalty of law that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, December 17, 2021.



CARLY LINTNER