

25 STU BURLEY: Hi, my name is Stu Burley, and
1 I live in Lawai Valley, and I am a resident of Kauai for
2 55 years now. When I came over I helped to open up the
3 Pacific Missile Range Facility, and from there I started
4 working as a civilian for PMRF, and finally after
5 46 years of being involved with every operation that
6 took place, no matter what it was, I had a fantastic
7 career.

8 Now I'd like to speak a little bit about sonar.
9 I remember when the underwater range first operated in
10 1968. The oldest ship in the United States Navy was the
11 first ship on the range, U.S.S. Fletcher. And it came
12 on the range, and it put one little torpedo in the
13 water, and underwater warfare started at that time.

14 This EIS/OEIS, is a long time coming. It's
15 great. It's something that should have happened some
16 time ago. Now, when people ask about sonar, one thing,
17 and I'd like to just identify the missile range here.

18 First of all, there's a lot of submarines that
19 do the work on the range. You will not hear a submarine
20 sonar. They do not transmit mainly because in time of
21 war if they transmitted they would be found immediately.

22 And it takes surface ships, when they come on
23 range, and they transmit, they are told at the pre-sail
24 briefs that they should go into half power instead of
25 full power because if they went full power, their sonar
1 would ricochet off the island of Kauai or the island of
2 Niihau.

3 Therefore, the sonar signals that are in the
4 water here are less than what you would hear in the open
5 ocean. Now, for range safety, let me make a comment
6 about range safety. PMRF is very environmentally, the

7 word I want is conscious. I've seen it sometimes that
8 if there's a helicopter in the area and it happens to
9 spot a pod of whales, that is reported. The exercise
10 stops and then moves to another location where that pod
11 of whales no longer exists.

12 They take care of the ocean. They take care of
13 what's here around the island. They also give a lot of
14 employment. Before I retired I took a poll of how many
15 companies on Kauai actually get paid for doing something
16 at PMRF, and the number came up with 270 companies.

17 Thank you.