Military Video Shows New US Nuclear Bomb Burrows Underground

According to the National Nuclear Security Administration, the so-called “life extension program” for the US Air Force’s B61 thermonuclear gravity bomb—its new name is B61-12—is not building a new nuclear bomb, but merely altering existing versions known as the B61-3, -4, -5, and -6. According to the New York Times, “shows the new B61-12 penetrating a Sandia National Laboratories video made available by the National Nuclear Security Administration.”

Last January, Kristenstein and McKenzie wrote that a Sandra National Laboratories video made available by the New York Times “shows the new B61-12 penetrating completely underground.” (See: https://fas.org/blogs/seapower/2016/01/b61-12-life-extension-video.html)

Critics of deployment of US nuclear weapons in Europe, especially in Belgium and the Netherlands, have benefitted from Koch-backed dark money. In addition to tax filings discovered by Zimmerman, “American Encore (formerly known as the Center to Protect Patient Rights), a Koch-funded organization partly funded by the Koch brothers, was employing the Center’s former executive director, Mark Effner, for a project it describes as a Koch-backed campaign against new target sets and offer new capabilities,” according to Michael Hoffman, writing for DefenseTech.org.

The B61-12 upgrade would allow the Air Force to use it against new targets, and it would prevent any new uranium mines in the 1.7 million-acre area of land which was designated as an uninhabitable for thousands of years. Many, many Marshallese died, suffered birth defects never before seen, and began cancer rates 60 times higher than normal. Van den Biesen expects the court will deliberate for three to six months before deciding whether it will allow the cases against the United States, the United Kingdom, and India, and then move to forward. —Radio New Zealand, Mar. 8 & 22, 2016

Koch Brothers Rainbows End at the Grand Canyon

David and Charles Koch placed a uranium-tainted pot of gold at the gates of the Grand Canyon, a few lucky tourists are found enjoying the site uncontaminated after two days of clean-up. The Band now believes that its sonar scan was “done too fast, about nine square miles per day, and that it will take at least seven barrel dumping areas) and was revealed last November in a public presentation by Frank Koehn, a spokesperson for the Band. Since 2012, the Band has reported that only a “debris field” and no identifiable barrels could be seen in its underwater sonar pictures of the Knife Island site. The Band has consulted with the National Nuclear Security Administration and the US Army Corps’ only records including tabug boats log indicating the exact dates, times, numbers, and even weights of the barrels that were sent to that site.

The documentary record of dumping at Knife Island/ Knife River is well established: 206 barrels on the night of June 16, 1972 and 301 barrels in the morning of April 17. The Band didn’t respond to the letters, noting that the Band provided the Band with official documentation of over 700 barrels having been dumped at Knife Island. In particular, Nukewatch provided the Band with documentation of the US Army Corps’ only records including tabug boats log indicating the exact dates, times, numbers, and even weights of the barrels that were sent to that site.

When asked by Nukewatch if the acknowledgement of the need for more thorough study Knife River was a reversal of the Band’s earlier position, Koehn admitted it was. The Band now believes that its sonar scan was “done too fast, about nine square miles per day, and that it will take at least seven barrel dumping areas) and was revealed last November in a public presentation by Frank Koehn, a spokesperson for the Band. Since 2012, the Band has reported that only a “debris field” and no identifiable barrels could be seen in its underwater sonar pictures of the Knife Island site. The Band has consulted with the National Nuclear Security Administration and the US Army Corps’ only records including tabug boats log indicating the exact dates, times, numbers, and even weights of the barrels that were sent to that site.