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Senator Perez continues push for regulating open detonation following Roundtable Discussion

Hagåtña, Guam – Senator Sabina Flores Perez provided the following comments about Thursday's Roundtable Discussion on Regulating Open Detonation of Energetic Hazardous Waste:

“Although it may be the case that open detonation may continue to be necessary for some munitions, by and large, newly developing federal guidelines show positively that the military can and should be using safer and cleaner alternative technologies when it is absolutely safe to do.

Neither Public Law 36-139 nor Bill 35-37 prevents the military from conducting emergency detonations, as alluded to during the Roundtable. Moreover, Guam EPA indicated their ability to promulgate regulations for OB/OD as stipulated in P.L. 36-139 and I have the utmost confidence in them and all our public agencies.

What is resoundingly clear is that no institution should be given a blank check to handle explosive wastes when the health of the people of Guam is at risk. What we need are more equitable and environmentally conscious laws and regulations that center the people of Guam's health and our genuine security. The people of Guam deserve nothing less.”

A Public Hearing for Bill 35-37 is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 20, at 9am.

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