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Ms. Blatt:

I appreciate having the opportunity to offer comments for the record, since I cannot attend the hearing tonight. I am the owner of Folly Farm, which is a neighbor of the Metacon Gun Club further to the north along Nod Road. On behalf of the residents and users of our farm, and other residents who live nearby, I would ask the Commission to consider adding conditions to any possible approval of the Metacon application in two respects:

1. The Club should be required to fund an independent test of lead in the groundwater, to be conducted by the Commission, not less often than once per year. I would further ask that the Commission seek to secure such annual testing from the State Police Firing Range and the Aquarion Water Company as well. It is obvious that the presence of two shooting ranges directly over a major aquifer and adjacent to a water well and pumping station presents potential dangers to public health. We would appreciate the Commission's help and leadership on an ongoing basis in assuring us and others that lead pollution issues do not arise.
  2. The Club should be required to take measures to mitigate the noise associated with the operation of the shooting range. The noise issue, in my mind, centers on the use of fully automatic weapons on the Metacon range. This is a direct safety issue for Folly Farm since we have equestrian events and polo matches on our fields on Nod Road, and sudden bursts of very loud automatic weapons fire have spooked horses, caused runaways, and threatened riders. This automatic fire comes from Metacon, not the State Police Range. We know that the Town, under state statute, allegedly cannot directly regulate noise from shooting ranges, but it seems to me that the Town also does not have to grant a variety of permits to a shooting range that is not being a good community citizen. What we would ask of Metacon is that it strictly regulate and limit the hours for automatic weapons fire so as not to unduly impact nearby recreational uses, and to work with us and others to plan how to accommodate each other's needs. Failing this, the Town should enact an ordinance to regulate the hours of all shooting ranges.
- Thank you for your consideration.

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