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To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: 2021-0276
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:21:57 AM

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I am writing in regards to permit application number 2021-0276 in the Town of Lewis. I am a lifelong resident of the Town. I am very concerned about this application and the effects on our town and the Adirondack Park. When I think about the Park and my home I can't help but think that this goes against everything the Park is about. Everything from noise level to the preservation of our wildlife will be affected. Imagine if you will the wildlife running scared every time they hear such a powerful weapon being fired. We are also an aging community as many in the Park are becoming. Should the elderly be torn from their afternoon nap by the sounds of artillery. For those that summer or vacation here I'm sure it would impact their choice to come here or stay away. Noone comes to the Park to listen to military weapons. I am strongly opposed to this testing in my home town or anywhere within the Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Charli Lewis
572 Steele Woods Rd
Lewis, NY

From: bdelaney@nycap.rr.com
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: ["Barbara Delaney"](#)
Subject: Adirondack Park Agency Project #2021-0276
Date: Sunday, May 12, 2024 2:32:49 PM

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Dear Mr. Aldinger,

It has come to my attention that a proposal for a cannon testing site in Lewis, NY APA Project #2021-0276, is coming to the APA board for approval on May 16, 2024. This email is to register my dismay and disapproval that such a project might be located within the Adirondack Park.

This proposed testing site would have a negative impact on the land, streams, groundwater, wildlife and their natural habitat as well as human residents who live in the vicinity. The pollution from debris resulting from the project is cumulative and dangerous, as is the noise pollution on woodland creatures and humans.

And I am personally vexed that Mr. Hopmeier who does not reside in New York State or apparently value the mission of the APA to protect and preserve the “forever wild” aspect of the Park—continues to foist this unsound initiative upon us.

I am a retired NYS licensed hiking guide and can vouch for the fact that there are many people who value the beautiful natural qualities of the Adirondack Park. I think it would set a dangerous precedent for the APA to approve Project #2021-0276.

Sincerely,
Barbara Delaney



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September 1, 2022

Barbara Rice, Executive Director
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 State Route 86
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Executive Director Rice:

The Adirondack Council is pleased that the Adirondack Park Agency has requested more information regarding a proposal to test military canons in the Town of Lewis, Essex County. We recommend that the agency hold an adjudicatory public hearing on this highly controversial permit request. We further recommend that the agency assign staff to immediately develop a policy discouraging military weapons testing by private parties inside the Adirondack Park.

An adjudicatory hearing would allow the agency to collect evidence rather than claims, hear sworn testimony and make a rational decision on whether to allow such an activity inside the Adirondack Park. A new policy would protect birds and wildlife in the Champlain Valley, prevent a degradation of property values for people living near the proposed test site and save the quiet enjoyment of the Adirondacks for the people of Lewis.

The Adirondack Park has already paid a high price to accommodate use of the park's forests and airspace by the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, National Guard and Air National Guard units. This includes treetop helicopter missions and high-speed jet flights by pilots from across the Northeast and Canada. Over the past half-decade, the intensity and scope of this training increased significantly. So too did its impact on wildlife, communities, private homes, wilderness solitude and the general quiet enjoyment of nature.

Teams of state regulators, military officials and environmental advisors (of which the Adirondack Council is one) have worked well together in the past. Cooperatively, we have managed for 30 years to mitigate conflicts between the nation's need for military readiness and New York's right to practice leading-edge conservation to protect the world's largest intact, temperate deciduous forest.

This permit request is not for a project by the Army. It would involve a private contractor working on a military weapons project. The Army has no need for a canon firing range inside the Adirondack Park. There is a well-established



The mission of the Adirondack Council is to ensure the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park for current and future generations.

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artillery range at Fort Drum, just west of the Adirondack Park. It has received regular use since the 1980s. But even on an Army post, its use caused conflict initially and forced some residents to move away. The Watertown Daily Times chronicled a series of reimbursement claims by people in the Village of Antwerp in Jefferson County, for example, whose windows and foundations were cracked by the repeated impact of shells on the landscape and bedrock.

Cannon testing could occur at Fort Drum, under military supervision. At the proposed test site in Lewis and nearby, we have grave concerns about the collateral damage that could occur from cannon shell firings, flights and impacts. In addition to noise and impact vibrations, how likely are misfires and missed targets? The Fort Drum range is enormous, so stray shells don't pose much danger to neighbors. How damaging will direct hits on the target be to the surrounding landscape, flora and fauna? What wildlife is likely to make a home in the sandy mound the applicant has proposed to install via truck as a target backstop? The nature of the application seems to presume that there are wastelands within the Adirondack Park where nothing lives or can live. Such places do not exist.

If it receives a completed application, we urge the agency's board to hold an adjudicatory hearing on this proposal, so that it may reject the plan. We further urge the agency to develop a blanket policy against the testing of military-grade weapons by private parties within the Adirondack Park, in an effort to discourage such proposals in the future.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

The Adirondack Council is a privately funded not-for-profit organization whose mission is to ensure the ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park. It is the largest environmental organization whose sole focus is the Adirondacks.

The Council carries out its mission through research, education, advocacy and legal action. It envisions a Park with clean water and clean air, core wilderness areas, farms and working forests, and vibrant, diverse, welcoming, safe communities. Adirondack Council advocates live in all 50 United States.

Sincerely,



William C. Janeway
Executive Director
Adirondack Council

Cc: Chris Cooper, Attorney, APA
John Burth, Regulatory Programs, APA

From: [Rose Oropallo](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: APA howlitzer range
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:14:42 AM

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I feel this is something that does not belong in the Adirondack Park. The animals alone will be traumatized as well as residence hearing that sound in a place that people pay dearly and cherish for property, being in nature and enjoy quiet. Please refuse this proposal. The owner leasing this property is pure greed and for the move but impacts those not getting paid
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lise Huckins](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: APA project 2021-0276
Date: Sunday, May 12, 2024 11:23:27 AM

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To: Fritz Aldinger
From: Lise Huckins, Lewis, NY

Sir: So here I am again, having to write this letter regarding the application for a munitions testing facility in my backyard. In reading your letter, I note that the applicant's appeal is not for a denial of his permit. Instead, he's appealing a request by the agency for additional information regarding the noise levels produced by these howitzers and associated impacts. Furthermore, he's appealing a FIFTH notice of incomplete application which suggests that there were 4 prior requests submitted to the applicant that were ignored. Based on your letter, it would seem that the applicant does not feel he has to disclose relevant information regarding his plan to those who will be directly impacted by such, or to the Agency charged with approving his application in the first place. Apparently this applicant thinks Lewis residents are too dumb to understand and/or read this information, and that he does not have to follow APA guidelines at all. Additionally, it appears that the applicant knows that the less residents know about his munitions plan-the better. Because this testing facility will have a negative impact on local residents, one which far outweighs any possible benefit therein. I remain opposed to this application, as does every single person I know in this town. The failure of the applicant to disclose relevant information should result in an instant denial of his application.

In addition, I point out that this appeal was filed in February 2024. I received this letter asking for comment on May 11, 2024, nearly 3 months later, and I have exactly 5 days to respond. There is no indication whether local residents are entitled to attend the monthly meeting on May 16. It certainly seems reasonable to assume that the APA does not want residents to contribute to this decision, or be informed of the details of such. While I am a supporter of the APA, your handling of these notifications leaves a lot to be desired. Please do better in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Lise Huckins

From: [Jake Gittler](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: APA Project No. 2021-0276
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:44:25 PM

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Dear Mr. Aldinger,

My name is Jacob Gittler, I am the homeowner and one of the primary year-round residents at 35 Hemlock Lane in Lewis, NY. I am writing to express my intense opposition to the potential future installation of a firing range for the testing of M109 155mm howitzers on Hale Hill Road.

Look, let's take out for a moment my desire to not hear the firing of military grade weaponry down the road from here on a regular basis, I also think that approval of such a project is an affront to the idea of keeping the Adirondacks "forever wild." And I'll be honest, I'm under no illusions that residential development and other such land use projects, including the building of my own home here in Lewis, are contradictory to the forever wild ideals...but a firing range for military style tanks in that space, for some guy's private national security company? Give me a break.

With all due respect, approval of this project would be offensive - offensive to the folks who live here, the wildlife we share these wild spaces with, and to all those who've come before us who have helped protect these places we hold so dear.

HARD no thank you on this wacky firing range project.

Sincerely,

Jacob Gittler
Pok-O-MacCready - Wilderness Director
Guide ADK
631-742-7175

From: danita964u@charter.net
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Cc: ["pete.demola@timesunion.com"](mailto:pete.demola@timesunion.com)
Subject: re: APA Project No. 2021-0276
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:17:01 AM

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Greetings from Lewis NY,

Hello Mr. Aldinger,

I am seeking information on the above referenced project No. 2021-0276. Specifically, all information in regards to environmental impact studies, noise abatement studies, ground water and well water impact, and potential soil contamination issues.

As a resident of Lewis who's property has the Church Brook intersecting it and the fact that ALL of the adjacent home owners have wells for drinking water; it is of great concern when a project may impact this valuable resource of clean drinking water. Church Brook runs through the property in question for this project. It is a Brook Trout inhabited tributary of the North Branch of the Bouquet river. Again, any negative impact to the water whether above ground or below is of great concern to many residents. We don't want to find out 20 years from now that the defense department munitions testing facility located in the Adirondack Park has become a toxic waste site.

Also is concern about noise pollution from the facility. Mr. Hopmeier started testing munitions in mid 2020 at the Hale Hill property. It was extremely loud, and it was not until residents complained about the extremely loud explosions that he addressed it. We chose to live in a rural, typically quiet area and do not want the noise to impact our quality of life.

I am seeking transparency and information, as to be better informed and to educate concerned community residents who may be negatively impacted now and in the future.

I have cc'd The Times Union Writer Mr. Pete Demola, as he has written articles in regards to the clean up of the contaminated sludge and waste water located at the project site.

Thank you for your time and consideration for my request of information related to this project.

Most sincerely,

Daniel & Lanita Canavan

9581 US Route 9, Lewis NY 12950 (residence)
PO Box 804 , Elizabethtown, NY 12932 (mailing)

From: [Tina Colegrove](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: APA project No. 2021-0276
Date: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:54:46 PM

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Tina Colegrove
15 Pinewood Way
Lewis, Ny. 12950

Frederick Aldinger,

As a home owner very near this proposed site I am writing to urge those involved in the decision making of this permit to please deny this application. I am concerned for myself, my neighbors and their families, and business in this location for many reasons.

The noise from a weapons range of military grade would be extremely disturbing to us all, particularly our elderly residents.

I worry the damage to the surrounding forestry and local wildlife would be significant and would affect those in area who survive on hunting to feed there families during appropriate seasons. Not to mention the quiet beauty of our property and enjoyment of watching the local wildlife from our homes and forest.

It also seems chemical contamination could be introduced to our area. Hearing about incidents of friendly fire and accidental explosions on news channels over the years makes me nervous something like that could happen in our residential back yard.

This is a nice, quiet town offering privacy, clean air and clean water. All the things making a home appealing and holds value to our homes. It would be devastating to so many of us to see a decrease in property value of our homes which we work so hard to keep. And, I believe the decision to approve this application would affect us all who live here on each one of these points for many years to come. Please deny this application.

Sincerely
Tina Colegrove

APA project # 2021-0276

May 14, 2024

Dear APA,

You sent a letter out on the 7th we got it on the 11th. Not much time to respond. In regard to testing howitzers, I was in ~~Viet~~ Vietnam - I know what howitzers do. They will obliterate the mountains. The ground shakes. It is so loud people lose ~~their~~ their hearing. The noise will reverberate in the mts. It will scare off the wild life - Moose, bear, deer - Birds. We come up there to relax & enjoy the wild life. What happen to forever Wild?! You cannot call that a Park when you shoot off Howitzers. What will hikers, bicyclist bicyclists & rock climbers think? It would scare me to death if I was climbing Poto moon shine & ^{maybe} caused a rock slide.

The government has places to test howitzers in the desert. Go there. In the winter it could cause Avalanches.

No I want the wild life. I want the peace & quiet. PLEASE turn it down.

P.S. test them in Ukraine, where they need them!!

Sincerely,

Wyman & Deb Cross
9764 US Rt 9
Lewis, NY 12950

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Barbara Rice, Executive Director
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 State Route 86
Raybrook, NY 12997

September 25, 2022

Dear Ms. Rice,

It has come to my attention that a proposal to establish a cannon firing munitions project in the Town of Lewis has been submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) by Michael Hopmeir of Unconventional Concepts Inc.

This proposal is not in keeping with the mission of the Adirondack Park to protect and preserve the natural beauty and healthy environment of the Park. It stands to spoil the land, water, air, and greenery where it will be sited. And there is no necessity for it to blight this space within the Park. As has been pointed out by many others, there are plenty of alternative spaces outside the Park where such a project, if warranted, could be established.

However, one of my main concerns is that this cannon firing munitions project would establish a dangerous precedent for other potentially noisy, environmentally unsound, despoiling ventures within the Adirondack Park.

We want to protect, preserve, and value this precious greenspace, and with the APA's assistance that is very possible.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Delaney 
518-121-2599
Writer and retired licensed Adirondack hiking guide

Cc: William Janeway, Executive Director
Adirondack Council

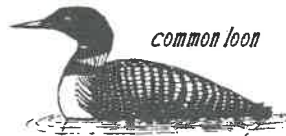


great
horned owl

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common loon



5/14/24



Dear Adirondack Park
Agency members -

In response to APA permit
2021-0276

We have researched the
"M109155mm howitzer" and
find many worrisome facts.



osprey

Our main issue is sound
effects and vibrations of
areas around this site,
involving peace quiet + nature's
home grounds, that will be
affected.



white-throated
sparrow

If all the results of the
blast stayed on his property
(including noise) that's his
problem & right -



red-tailed
hawk

However it is very
doubtful that his gain
(whatever it is) cannot
be our loss -



Amsel ©

Another question?
Why here?

Before your decision
we hope that you

are able to observe a blast
elsewhere. ✓

— Thank you for
your time + protection at
-APA

Ron + Suzie Dubay
39 Johnson Lane
(Wells Hill Rd.)
Lewis, NY 12950

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Barbara Rice, Executive Director
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 State Route 86
Raybrook, New York 12997

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
October 9, 2022

Dear Ms. Rice,

I have been recently made aware of a proposal that has been submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) by Michael Hopmeir of Unconventional Concepts Inc. that, if confirmed, would establish a cannon firing munitions project in the Town of Lewis.

Somehow, this proposal seems to deviate significantly from the Adirondack Park's mission to protect and preserve the natural beauty and healthy environment of the Adirondack Park. If enacted upon, the project stands to spoil the environment and locality where it will be situated. As many others have already attested, there are plenty of other spaces outside the Park that could accommodate such a project.

Wouldn't confirmation of this project establish a dangerous precedent for other potentially unwholesome, environmentally unsound, and noisy ventures within the Adirondack Park?

Your thoughtful consideration would be greatly appreciated on this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell Dunn

Retired licensed Adirondack hiking guide and author of books related to some of the Adirondack's most valued natural treasures.

Cc: William Janeway, Executive Director
Adirondack Council

From: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
To: [Petith, Stephanie L \(APA\)](#); [Lynch, Ariel D \(APA\)](#); [Stankus, Elizabeth \(APA\)](#); [Burth, John M \(APA\)](#); [Plante, David \(APA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Project #2021-0276
Date: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:40:49 AM

From: Sandra Rhoades <beachrhoades@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:40:37 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments <RPCComments@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Proposed Project #2021-0276

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Adirondack Park Agency (APA) proposed Project #2021-0276 is coming before the APA board on May 16, 2024. This howitzer/cannon testing project would be extremely detrimental to the community of Lewis where sited and would establish a dangerous precedent within the Adirondack Park. I urge the APA to disapprove the proposed Project #2021-0276 (for cannon/howitzer testing). This project would have a significant negative impact on the Adirondack Community.

Please consider my request to disapprove the project.

Sandra Rhoades
Latham, NY

From: [April Guilder](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: APA project NO. 2021-0276
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:06:51 PM

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My name is April Guilder I live in the town of Lewis New York. I have some concern about the project. I have been told there will be military experiments of some sort happening on this property what does that mean? Why were not all land owner near this silo not notified. We have three generation of family that live close to the silo and having military weapons testing according to the letter sent needs to more specific. What exactly does that mean? Why would anyone allow a rural use property be used for military testing? How safe is that for the town people?

Obviously we have no say according to the letter you aren't asking for our response. This is completely unexpected and there are many town people who know nothing about it .

I would appreciate a response

April Guilder

From: [Ben Pokon](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Hale Hill Road firing range
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 2:10:54 PM

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Dear Fritz Aldinger,

This note is to inform you that as a nearby homeowner, I have no objection to the installation of a firing range for howitzers on the property of Michael Hopmeier. I view this as a positive development.

Thank you,
Ben Pokon
80 Johnson Lane
Lewis, NY 12950
518-796-6742

From: adriane@magicpines.com
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: APA Project No. 2021-0276
Date: Friday, March 25, 2022 2:33:02 PM

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Hello Mr. Aldinger,

My name is Adriane Holland. My husband, Eric, and myself are the new owners of Magic Pines Campground in Lewis. I just wanted to touch base quickly and let you know that we are not in favor of the above referenced project being passed. People come to our campground to relax and enjoy the quiet and peace of the Adirondacks. A weapons testing range sounds like it would cause disturbances to our campers as well as the tenants in our mobile home park next door. Thank you for your time.
Adriane and Eric Holland
Magic Pines Campground

From: [Ei](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: Hopmeier proposal
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 8:08:20 AM

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Good morning

This email is in response to a APA project letter. I question a few things about this:

1. Permit application went in on 11/19/2021 and we get notified in March of 2022?
2. The very brief description does not in any way give us the detail of what military grade munitions he will be using. (Size , frequency, and time of the day.)
3. This doesn't give us information on how loud or safe for our ground and water systems. We understand he has been doing this all along and just wants to get bigger and louder this the permit.
4. There are several of us that have all ready met and are contacting our legal representatives to find out exactly what we need to do to protect our horses, land , wells, foundations, dogs, and personal well being.
5. Perhaps more information is needed to make this decision.

Thank you
Emma Jean Okusky
ACAP Parent Training Specialist
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Lewis NY, 12950
518-420-6808

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From: [Kieron Means](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Howitzer testing
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:26:09 PM

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Mr Aldinger,

I'm writing to object to the proposed howitzer testing in Lewis, and ask the APA to please consider the impact on our local people and environment.

There are obviously concerns for the ground water and all the creeks and rivers that empty into the Boquet. The noise will impact people trying to raise children and livestock.

This is not the place for military weapons testing. There are better alternative sites.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jesse Kieron Means

Deerhead,

Lewis

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From: [Jane Boxall](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: May 16th meeting: APA Project No 2021-0276
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 7:20:01 PM

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Dear Fritz,

I am writing to express concerns regarding Michael Hopmeier's application for a permit to install a firing range for the testing of M109 155mm howitzers on a site off Hale Hill Road in Lewis (APA Project No 2021-0276). I understand the APA meets May 16th to discuss the project.

I am a permanent, year-round resident of north Lewis, and a property owner within earshot of Hale Hill Road. I am also a paramedic working on the Elizabethtown-Lewis Emergency Squad 911 ambulances. I think it would be a detriment to our town of Lewis if the proposed howitzer firing range was allowed to go ahead.

Obviously, the noise of such a project would disturb the peace of neighbors and visitors to the area. Lewis is home to many retired people who are at home during the day, children, and people who have experienced war zones themselves. Unlike other noisy activities - such as logging, mining, and transportation - it does not seem that a howitzer firing range would bring any direct benefit, employment, or revenue to the people of Lewis.

Mr. Hopmeier's company, Unconventional Concepts Inc., is headquartered in Florida and is not engaging in an activity or business that is specific and intrinsic to the Adirondack Park. Testing of these howitzers could (and, I believe, should) be done elsewhere - in a location where there are fewer neighbors and where the firing would not have the same impact on the protected wild environment. [Zhu et al \(2024\)](#) indicate that such firing ranges cause "higher levels of soil toxicity, which, to a certain extent, will lead to a decrease in the growth rate and level of plant growth, a decrease in the abundance of microbial communities, and an impediment to the cycling of soil nutrients, etc."

Additionally, as a member of the local emergency squad, I have concerns about there being a new firing range in town and its potential for serious accident and injury.

I respectfully request that the APA does not allow this project to go ahead in Lewis.

With best wishes, and thanks for your time,

Jane Boxall

From: [April Guilder](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: Missile project
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 6:03:44 PM

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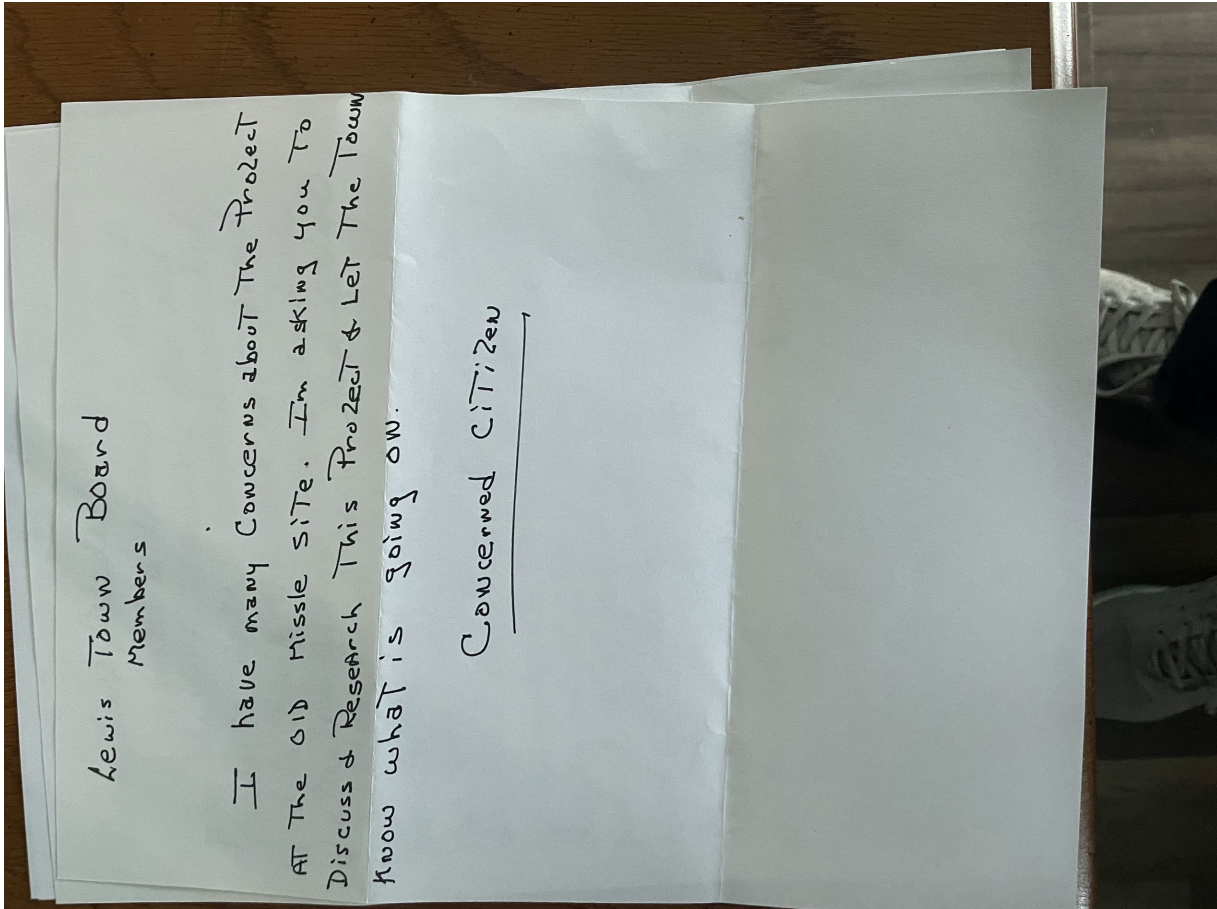
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I have sent 4 letters already sent to the town of Lewis about this from all different people. This is completely unexceptionable this is no place for this kind of project . This is suppose to be a quiet beautiful place. This is going to effect EVERYTHING our wildlife our water out soil our beautiful area . I completely oppose this APA has control over buildings and anything else the people do why in the world would you allow this in the middle of the Adirondack park. This has to be stopped

From: [April Guilder](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: Missile project
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 5:53:29 PM

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From Lewis Resident.

I received a letter in March from the AHA regarding the old missile site. When I reached out to them they did not respond. I started asking other residents what they knew. Some had letters from AHA some did not. But. No one knew anything. I have read several articles talking about government, national security, experiments, regarding that area, which is of grave concern to me. Now will this affect the towns quality of life: i.e. noise, water, wild life, chemicals in our air & pollution in general.

I'm asking that the Town Board research this matter, have as many discussions as it takes, & educate all of us. Thank you for your attention.

My name is [redacted] I live in the town of Lewis New York. I have some concern about the project. I have been told there will be military experiments of some sort happening on this property what does that mean? Why were not all land owner near this silo not notified. We have three generation of family that live close to the silo and having military weapons testing according to the letter sent needs to more specific. What exactly does that mean? Why would anyone allow a rural use property be used for military testing? How safe is that for the town people?

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Thank you,

May 10, 2024

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

MAY 15 2024

Fritz Aldinger

Po Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

Re: APA Project # 2021-0276

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter to voice our concerns and opinions regarding the proposed firing range for testing of M109 155mm howitzers on Hale Hill Rd. in Lewis, NY.

We are against this proposal and do not want to see a firing range installed on Hale Hill Rd. We are local Landowners - in close proximity to Hale Hill Rd. The extensively loud noise from the M109 155mm howitzers has no place located near residential areas such as ours. My husband Leslie Ryan, is an US ARMY Retiree and has first hand knowledge of the volume of the noise created by firing these howitzers. It is NOT Acceptable to subject us local homeowners to that noise pollution. (For ourselves or our animals and children.)

Many people on our Route may not be familiar with the extent of the noise these weapons will create. But, be assured once they get started you will be facing multiple complaints, if not legal actions to have them halted.

We implore you to listen to our concerns/requests and ask that you "Deny" the application for the firing range proposed for Hale Hill Rd. Lewis, NY.

May 10, 224

Page 2 (Cont.)
Re: APA Project
2021-0276

We, the under signed, agree with
the above written request to have
you "Deny" application of firing range for
testing of M109 155 howitzers.

Name:

Address:

Signature:

- 1.) Nancy Ryan 9250 US Rt 9 Lewis X Nancy A. Ryan
- 2.) Leslie Ryan 9250 US Rt 9 Lewis X Leslie Ryan
3. ~~Bob~~ 9261 US RTE 9 Lewis X ~~Bob~~
4. Melissa Gugh 9461 US RTE 9 Lewis X Melissa Gugh
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Thank you for your attention to this request.

	name	Address	Signature
13	Ryan Cave	8705 US Route 9	Ryan Cave
14	Stephen Sandus		
15	Andrew Rolston	2 pine country way Lewis NY.	Andrew Rolston
16	Jacqueline Kimball	9264 US Route 9 Lewis, NY 12950	
17	Leah Weir		
18	Mary Reynolds	8567 US Rt 9 Lewis NY 12950	Mary Reynolds

From: [Kenneth Panetta](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: APA Project No. 2021-0276
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:33:13 PM

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RE:APA Project 2021-0276

Dear Fritz,

It has been brought to my attention that the above referenced application from Michael Hopmeier would have a substantial impact on my, and my neighbors land in the Adirondack Park. Upon reviewing the map attached to the proposal, it seems like he is looking at three sites for this; Parcels 38.3-20.002, 37.-52.00 & 37.2-44 100. My immediate concern includes safety, noise and diminished property value with a military grade munitions weapons testing range being proposed in our backyards. Please let me know if you have any further details regarding a firm location or grievance day for this proposal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Ken Panetta
237 Seventy Lane, Lewis NY
panetta.kenneth@gmail.com

From: [Margaret King](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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This area is too sensitive and needs not to have this disruptive plan go ahead.

There are other places where this can take place, but this is NOT the place.

Thank you-

Margaret King
Albany, NY

From: [EJ O'kusky](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project # 2021-0276
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Mr. Fritz Aldinger,

I'm writing this email in regard to the letter that was sent to us On May 7, 2024. The tax map number of the project site is Section 38.1, Block 1, Parcel 31, owned by or leased by Mr. Hopmeier. As I have referenced in my prior emails on this matter we are concerned about the noise level, amount of blasting, length of the blasts and the impact this will have on our wells and dwellings. He clearly has no idea the magnitude of the blasts or the repercussions to our land. I can't understand why his application to the APA is incomplete time and time again. The article posted in the Adirondack Explorer stated that the U.S. Army has issued a stop-work order for the project. That it is not needed for now or the future. So, who would need to test M109 155mm howitzers or anything else of the capability? He stated that he has been testing all ballistics of smaller munitions inside so why risk our land and animals to this when it's not needed by our government. I also question his monitoring of the plan. Mr. Hopmeier states that he will never blast from 4p.m.-10a.m. what if he does? Who do we call then? When our water supply is damaged what do we do?

My other concern is that after meeting with several North Lewis land owners not everyone received your letter. How do others get on the list? I have shared my letter and also spoke about the article in the paper. I hope this helps the agency to understand that we care about our land and the park and want to preserve what we have. Thank you to the APA for helping in this matter.

Emma Jean Okusky
Carl Okusky
518-420-6808

From: ashapiro1@nycap.rr.com
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project #2021-0276 (for cannon/howitzer testing)
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Hello,

I am writing to urge you to disapprove the project noted in the subject line above.

Also, why in heaven's name are 5 incomplete applications and an Army stop work order not enough to cancel it?!

Thanks for your attention.

Ann Shapiro
Albany, N.Y.

From: [Barry Pendergrass](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project #2021-0276
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Mr. Aldinger,

It's my understanding that in Project #2021-0276 the applicant seeks approval for testing artillery in Adirondack Park. I'm surprised such a proposal isn't disqualified in the first instance. There should be some filter to prevent certain types of activities from taking place in Adirondack Park that would disqualify projects such as this from consideration.

In the event that the artillery project does come before the APA for consideration, I would like to express my opposition on the following grounds:

1. The primary purpose of Adirondack Park (Park) should be the conservation of the environmental values it contains. That is the reason New York State set aside the Park in the first place. Activities that are detrimental to those values, including mechanical or industrial noise, pollution, industrial traffic and large scale mining, refine, or processing materials are harmful to the environment and should be excluded. The explosion of military ammunition of any kind is contrary to the purposes of the Park. It jeopardizes the qualities of the Park, which are the reasons people want to live in, visit and have the Park.
2. The natural resources of the Park should be prioritized above economic uses because they cannot be replaced elsewhere. Exploding munitions would be damaging to living resources and therefore should not be allowed in Adirondack Park. Both the direct damage of explosions, noise, transport of munitions and supporting people and materials, and removal of waste are harmful.
3. Residents in the area will be negatively impacted by exploding munitions. That would be contrary to long established uses and living patterns.
4. There is a possibility of miscarriage during transport and use of exploding munitions that could risk lives. Residents and visitors should not have to fear the possibility of wayward munitions or accidental discharge during transport to testing areas.
5. Chemicals or propellants used for munitions could also be spilled or escape into the air, water or soil.

Thank you for considering these objections to the proposal,

Barry Pendergrass
37 Ramsey Place
Albany, NY. 12208

From: [Neal Burdick](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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This project seems unnecessary, given other venues nearby, and entirely antithetical to Adirondack Park values and ambience. I strongly hope it is denied.

Thank you,
Neal Burdick

From: [Barbara Denton](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: project no. 2021-0276
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:43:17 AM

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Thank you for an opportunity to respond to Mr. Hopmeier's proposed project. Not only will the noise levels devastate the quality of life for the people living in our area, the impact on wildlife and water supply would be tragic, and irresponsible. I am trusting that the APA will do whatever it takes to protect this area. My husband served in the military and says that the noise from a howitzer is earsplitting, not to mention the distances the echo will travel, with ground vibrations. We do not need this. There are places all over the country designed to handle this, with minimal impact. Not here. Good luck at your meeting. I hope common sense prevails. Barbara Denton



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May 13, 2024

John Ernst, Chair
Board Members
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
1133 NYS Route 86
Ray Brook NY 12977

Re: Appeal of Fifth Notice of Incomplete Application by Ballistics Testing Facility; Michael Hopmeier of Unconventional Concepts, Inc.

Dear Chairman Ernst and APA Board Members:

We submit these comments to urge you to uphold the Fifth Notice of Incomplete Permit Application (NIPA) issued by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to Project Sponsor Michael Hopmeier of Unconventional Concepts, Inc. regarding the proposed ballistics testing range located at 195 Hale Hill Lane in the Town of Lewis, Essex County. The proposed ballistics testing range involves firing test shots from "a M109A3GN 155mm field howitzer up to 2 times per day up to 3 days in a row, for an average of 30 times per year for 5 years". Letter from Fritz Aldinger to Matthew Norfolk, Esq. dated August 16, 2023, page 2.

The project is proposed to take place in land classified as "Rural Use" "where natural recourse limitations and public considerations necessitate fairly stringent development considerations" and where only "a low level of development" may be permissible so long as it is "compatible with the protection of the relatively intolerant natural resources and the preservation of open space". APA Act § 805(3)(f). The site of the proposed project is adjacent to the Taylor Pond Wild Forest, and not far from the Jay Mountain Wilderness.

The 5th NIPA dated January 2, 2024 outlines important "questions [that] must be addressed in order to review" the application, and "some of the information requested" previously still needs to be submitted. NIPA page 1. The 5th NIPA requires basic, critical information about the howitzer that will be on the

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site, its precise location, associated source of noise information, proposed noise mitigation (including a proposed berm), an evaluation of other noise mitigation measures (including enclosures and silencers), and noise modeling and analysis information. The 5th NIPA also requires information depicting “all state land boundaries, the southwest corner of the nearest state land parcel located approximately 300 feet from the northeast corner of the firing pad, the nearest dwellings . . . receptor locations M1-M4, and the closest point of the proposed gravel pad or the noise source, whichever is closer, to each receptor”. NIPA page 3.

The 5th NIPA (page 4) states that the “approximate noise level of 127 dB does not appear to be in character with the recorded ambient noise level of approximately 37.2 dBA, which per NYSDEC’s noise policy, is most similar to wilderness noise levels at approximately 35 dBA”. Notably, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Policy: Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts dated February 2, 2001 (Noise Policy) (pages 13-14) states that increases of 3-6 dB have the “potential for adverse noise impacts” when sensitive receptors are present, “increases of more than 6 dB” require closer analysis of potential adverse impacts, and an “increase of 10 dB(A) deserves consideration of avoidance and mitigation measures in most cases”. Additionally, the DEC Noise Policy (page 20) states that a decisionmaker “[in] determining the potential for an adverse noise impact, [must] consider not only ambient noise levels, but also the existing land use, and whether or not an increased noise level or the introduction of a discernable sound, that is out of character with existing sounds, will be considered annoying or obtrusive”.

Here, the potential for adverse impacts, from noise levels that far exceed a 10 dB increase and from other impacts to sensitive natural resources, must be closely scrutinized by APA. Contrary to the Project Sponsor’s objections, the information requested in the 5th NIPA is necessary for APA to review the adverse impacts of the proposed project on the “the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the park”. APA Act § 809(10)(e). The 5th NIPA should be upheld, and the Project Sponsor should be required to provide the information requested therein.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia K. Braymer". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Claudia" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Braymer".

Claudia Braymer
Deputy Director

From: [Sarah van Rijsewijk](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: RE: APA Project No. 2021-0276
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 9:08:13 PM
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Good evening,
Please see the attached document addressing concerns about the above mentioned APA proposal.

Thank you for your time,
-Sarah van Rijsewijk

From: danita964u@charter.net
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Hello Mr. Aldinger,

As residents of Lewis and having followed the proposed project(s) since the beginning; we are tentatively pleased that this project is facing road blocks. Mr. Hopmeier has failed to provide complete applications five(5) times and is now appealing the process. Many residents of Lewis, and individuals from other communities, do not want this cannon/howitzer testing here. There is a place for this type of testing and activity, just not in the Adirondack Park. Already established federal military sites such as Fort Drum and the Ethan Allan range come to mind. It appears the Army has determined that this project is not appropriate for Lewis, and issued a stop work order on the project. "The Army has determined that it currently possesses sufficient test range capacity to meet its artillery testing needs for now and the future". As the Army is the preeminent source of information about cannons and howitzers; this speaks volumes. At this juncture the five(5) incomplete applications to the Adirondack Park Agency and the Army's stop work order determination should be enough to close this proposed project down for good. However, it appears that Mr. Hopmeier wants to appeal the process with the APA further. We hope the powers that be at the APA will look at this carefully and the potential long term ramifications of this type of use within the blue lines of the Adirondack Park. We are cautiously optimistic that the APA Board on 5/16/24 will make a final decision of "no" to the proposed project.

Sincerely, Dan & Lanita Canavan

From: [a preston](#)
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Dear Mr. Fritz Aldinger,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the aforementioned project: 2021-0276. I am a permanent, year-round resident of Lewis, NY and am deeply opposed to the presence and usage of a M109 155mm howitzers on Hale Hill Road.

The town of Lewis NY is entirely situated in the Adirondack Park, a place protected under the "Forever Wild" clause of 1894. The protections existing under this clause make it a vibrant place to live, and one that -despite its proximity to major cities- feels truly wild. Part of the responsibility of living in such a wild place means advocating for the protection of wildlife, with whom we share our lands, waters and airways. Wildlife are deeply impacted by noise pollution, particularly by machinery, and the impact is often not known until specific species are studied in depth, including gathering annual data on their breeding, migration and other seasonal habits.

I would strongly urge the APA to deny this appeal until at the very least a comprehensive, long-term professional environmental impact assessment is completed. This could be done in collaboration with one of the SUNY schools, the DEC or the Cornell Cooperative Extension research team. This assessment should take the time to consider the well-being of each species -no matter how large or small- that resides within the broader Hale Hill-Lewis-Essex County-North Country region.

Thank you for your consideration and do not hesitate to contact me with further questions or comments,

Annie Preston

518-534-1588
annierose.3643@gmail.com

From: lily17@northnet.org
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: Wimett_Kim@cves.org; [Sierra Wimett](#); [Connor Wimett](#); bdlbs12@aol.com
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Mr. Aldinger and the APA Board members,

I would like to take a moment to express concerns my family and I have about the installation of a firing range by Michael Hopmeier. As homeowners located directly adjacent to this proposed firing range, we feel that some sort of response is necessary.

Our first concern is the noise the M109 155 Howitzers will make. We have already experienced explosions in the area on several occasions, which have not only startled us, but are also having an impact on our pets. I can just imagine how it is impacting several veterans who live in the area. Especially if they are living with PTSD. Also, the local wildlife will be affected. We enjoy living in this beautiful county, viewing the different birds and animals that share our property. We believe the noise from these cannons will have a negative impact on them as well.

Our second concern is property values. Our assessments have been going up over the years and we believe that a firing range located in our back yard will have a negative impact on them. If any local homeowners within earshot of this firing range decide to sell their property, who will buy their homes knowing that at any time there may be explosions disrupting the peace and quiet of our area? This will significantly impact our property values and the future plans of local property owners.

Our third concern is the effective firing range of the Howitzer. According to my research, these cannons can reach a distance from 11 to 25 miles! That is more real estate than our little town of Lewis. What will happen if there is a misfire? Where will the shot end up? And will a misfire cause a fire? This area is heavily forested and a fire will significantly destroy local properties and homes, wildlife and their habitat. Not to mention a possible loss of human life. And what about the cost to our local fire departments called to fight the fire? This will be a definite expense to our local towns.

Where will the shells be fired? Will the trajectory effect our water sources? The properties around this site depend on well systems. Will these shots somehow change the direction of our water flow? If this happens, we will all need to drill deeper wells at a significant cost to the property owners. Also to consider is the quality of the water. Will this change the drinkability of it? After all, the site used to a military facility encasing an Atlas missile. These questions should be addressed when considering approval for his permit.

In closing, my family and I want the APA to consider all these points before making a decision to grant Mr. Hopmeier a permit to create a firing range. The range will be located in our backyards (literally) and this is something we all do not want. It will have a negative impact on the forest preserve and privately owned properties in this area. In our opinion, the firing range would be better suited to be in a place where there will not be an impact on people, wildlife and property.

Please respond to my email to let me know you have recieved it.

Thank you for your time,
Kim & Thomas Wimett
John & Diane Wimett

Susan F. Weber
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OCT 19 2022

Barbara Rice, Executive Director
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 State Route 86
Ray Brook, New York 12977

October 14, 2022

Re: Private Contractor Cannon Test Site Proposal

Dear Director Rice:

We are long-time Adirondack second home owners and outdoor enthusiasts, writing to oppose your Agency's granting of a permit to develop a private entity's weapon testing site in the Park.

There really can be no set of circumstances where such a facility could be compatible with the Park's many cherished values.

The Agency has asked for additional information before a decision can be made, and this is admirable. Holding an adjudicatory hearing would be the very best way to explore all the environmental issues raised by such a proposal and to assure that all interested parties have the opportunity to make their views known. Information is best vetted in an adjudicatory hearing.

As a former hearing officer for the Department of Environmental Conservation, I can attest to the importance and value of public adjudicatory hearings to airing and resolving contentious issues such as this one, and helping to assure that all impacts of such a proposal are raised and properly considered.

We are familiar with the Adirondack Council's September 1, 2022 letter to you, and echo Willie Janeway's well-reasoned arguments. Thank you for your consideration of our views and those of the Adirondack Council.

Sincerely,


Susan F. Weber


Mark Bertozzi

From: Amanda Ely <Amanda.Ely.1186829744@advocatesmessage.com>
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The applicant's noise analysis lacks sufficient detail to show there will be no undue adverse impact on nearby homes, wildlife, recreation areas, or the Park's natural soundscape.

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There are unresolved legal, environmental, and community questions that demand expert review and public transparency.

In conclusion, please hold an adjudicatory hearing on the Hopmeier Project, given the groundswell of local and public interest, the unprecedented nature of this project, and the potential impacts to human and wild communities.

Sincerely,
Amanda Ely

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Y Iannone Adirondack Tourist and Snowmobiler Endicott NY 13760

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Sincerely,
Cathy

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I am writing to formally request an adjudicatory hearing for the proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Testing Project (P2021-0276) in the Town of Lewis. The project raises serious concerns that require expert review and public transparency .

This hearing is necessary for the following reasons:

1. Incompatibility with the APA Act: The proposed private ballistics testing range conflicts with the conservation purpose of the Adirondack Park. It sets a dangerous precedent, undermining the Park's land use vision, particularly within the sensitive Rural Use classification, which is intended to protect open space, wildlife, and quiet rural character.
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Thank you for your consideration,

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I join the many voices that object strenuously to the testing of ballistics in the Adirondack Park. As a resident and business owner in the Adirondacks, I believe the noise and other environmental impacts would be in direct opposition to everything that the park has to offer, not just to clients of our business, residents and visitors to the park, but also to future generations who will need forever wild lands even more than we do.

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I respectfully urge the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to convene an adjudicatory hearing regarding the proposed Hopmeier Project (P2021-0276) in the Town of Lewis.

The introduction of private projectile testing within the Park raises serious concerns. This proposal sets a troubling precedent that is inconsistent with the APA Act and the Park's overarching conservation mission.

The designated Rural Use classification is among the most protective for private lands, intended to safeguard open space, wildlife habitats, and the quiet, rural character of the region. Establishing a private ballistics range would directly conflict with these objectives and erode the long-term land use vision for the Park.

Moreover, the applicant's noise analysis lacks the necessary detail to demonstrate that the project will not cause undue adverse impacts to nearby residences, wildlife populations, recreational areas, or the Park's natural soundscape.

In addition, unresolved legal, environmental, and community concerns warrant thorough expert evaluation and full public transparency.

Given the potential consequences for both human and ecological communities, and the unprecedented nature of this proposal, I strongly urge the APA to hold an adjudicatory hearing to ensure a comprehensive and transparent review process.

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Sincerely,

Mary Ann Randall

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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 4:32 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:13 AM
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:50 AM
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Eric Belcher & family

From: Erika Giacalone <Erika.Giacalone.1255472569@p2a.co>
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Dear Executive Director Rice,

As a land owner within the rural land use designation of the Adirondack Park and respectful of its protective rules, I oppose the subject project. In addition to the quasi military nature of the activity, that is incompatible with the land use designation, I am concerned that the applicant is using this proposal, if permitted, to set precedent for additional activities by future change in use applications. As previous Chiefs of Drinking Water Quality for NYC and the State of Connecticut, I am well aware how an incompatible land use can negatively impact local and remote water quality.

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Sincerely,
Gil and Mary Knapp

From: Gillian Hart <Gillian.Hart.1255430671@foradvocacy.com>
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The Adirondacks is a very special place. It is unique in many ways in the United States, and it should not be available for this type of activity in testing. Forever wild does not mean available for Cannon testing.

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From: Hannah Hanford <Hannah.Hanford.1186799270@p2a.co>
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Sincerely,

From: James Fuess <James.Fuess.1186625429@advocatefor.me>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:07 AM
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Sincerely,

James Fuess

From: Jane Golub <Jane.Golub.1255531855@sendgrassroots.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 5:09 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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From: Jeanie Garrison <Jeanie.Garrison.1255482914@grassrootsmessages.com>
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:41 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Please hold an adjudicatory hearing for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

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From: Peter Eriksen <Peter.Eriksen.1255535154@advocacymessages.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 5:42 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Good Morning,

My name is Sara Smith and I am writing today to express my concerns about project 2021-0276. Specifically the testing of a 155mm howitzer in Lewis, New York. I have read the application, proposal and notices associated with this project.

I would like to supply some background of my interest in this project prior to delving into my standpoint. I will be a third generation landowner to property very close to the proposed testing site. My Son will someday be the 4th generation to utilize our property. Since my Grandfather first purchased his land in 1986, it has been a tremendous refuge for our family to enjoy and learn about the Adirondack in which we live. My Father and Grandfather operated a successful logging company for 40 years within the Adirondack Park. No easy feat. I was taught how to safely work within the forest for resources, and to always be concerned about the impact of what is taken. More importantly, to always give back so that the land will continue to thrive. We learned how to identify trees, plants and wildlife. How to live in balance without taking over. I realized from an early age that the area in which I live is different from other locations. Although there are challenges, preservation must always be a priority over what some consider progress. Despite this, so many chose to still live. I can only speak for myself when I say that the benefits of living here far outweigh the difficulties. Our property is used for frequent hiking, school projects, family gatherings and any opportunity to enjoy the Adirondacks in all seasons.

All that being said, I personally do not feel that the proposal from Mr. Hopmeier is in the best interest of the Adirondacks. It is also my opinion that the guise of National Security is a blanket statement being used to intimidate local residents. You see, I also work in the Essex County Veterans' Affairs Office and have for 15 years. I am extremely familiar with our local Veterans and have a knowledge of military operations.

Noise is the concern that has been raised most often. I share this concern, however, I have a couple of others. I do not feel that the proposal and responses are transparent. In fact, one response to a question was clear in stating that UCI is not at liberty to disclose a direct answer. That tells me that the information is not able to be public and directly relates to the Government contract that UCI is attempting to secure. I, at this point, have more questions than answers. How can a proposal be approved if all of the information cannot be provided. It is my opinion that the Government has no need to test outdated or obsolete weapons and equipment. If that is true, then what will the end development look like? What exactly is UCI attempting to develop?

There have also been some residents who argue for the positives that this project will bring. For example, employment and money to our area. I do not fault individuals for attempting to better their circumstances or earn a healthy living. However, Mr. Hopmeier stands to benefit the most from this. A few locals are employed by him. Money is spent locally, but that predominantly benefits those business owners. Again, this is a guise that does not address the area on a whole, and I believe that this spending and employment will continue even if this weapons testing is not allowed. We have many local organizations and individuals that do far more impactful deeds and jobs.

I feel that the provided studied information is very lacking. The issue of noise was attempted to be addressed, however, an overall impact study regarding the land and wildlife was not. The validity of the information provided is questionable and adequate studies do not seem to be available from other resources. I found the same study that UCI submitted from 2007 as no other case study seems to exist. I personally have spent many decades in this area and know that there is an abundance of underground veins and springs that run through here. People in this area all have private wells for their homes. There are also numerous types of wildlife that call this area home. Anything from birds, reptiles, black bears, deer and coyotes. In recent years, we have had moose tracks all over our section of mountain as well. There is no way to know what wildlife will be in that area when testing takes place, or what impact this will have on them.

In conclusion, although I greatly support our military, I do not feel that the Adirondack Park is the place for this testing. This would not be allowed in any other State or Federal park in the United States. We do live here full time and face many challenges to do so. It is my opinion that this door should not be opened for this type of business within the Park. The Government will find somewhere else to conduct this testing, but it does not have to be here. UCI has failed to meet the necessary guidelines to definitively show what impact this testing will have on our area. This is their burden as they are requesting permission within the Adirondack Park. I am disheartened that the overall tone of the proposal reads as though this is not appreciated by those that would be conducting the testing.

I thank you all for your time and consideration in this matter, and for entertaining my lengthy statement.

Respectfully,

Sara Smith

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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:14 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:56 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

From: Tony Thoman <Tony.Thoman.1186607370@yourconstituent.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:02 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:58 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:03 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:07 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:31 PM
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Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:13 PM
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Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:25 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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alice w. Iglehart

From: Allison Smith <Allison.Smith.1187070819@sendgrassroots.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:30 AM
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Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:37 AM
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From: Barbara Lowe <Barbara.Lowe.1255599732@grassrootsmessages.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:40 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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I'm confused on the testing of that howitzer in Lewis. Is it only one round per firing so 30 times total per year OR are there multiple round in each firing per each of the 30 different tests?

(Kindly refrain from misogynistic replies as I have been trying to research & so far found this -

Rate of Fire and Operational Limitations

Understanding the rate of fire of the M777 howitzer is essential for tactical planning and effective military operations. The initial rate of fire for the M777 howitzer can be surprisingly fast, with reports indicating a maximum rate of up to 8 rounds per minute. However, several factors can limit this speed in prolonged firing engagements. Has this been explained to full satisfaction by the applicant?

Is this permit being issued annually or must be reapplied & approved annually?

If somehow permit is secured but after the first 30 testings and damage and/or violation is discovered is there recourse to cease operations or will it involve a costly legal battle footed by taxpayers? I live on Long Island however have property in Willsboro.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Barbara Lowe

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Sincerely,
Cade Stevens

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I believe this absolutely requires a hearing. I have no idea why "ballistics testing" would be conducted on private land to begin with but, that aside, it is difficult to see how a weapons testing facility could be considered compatible with either the spirit or letter APA zoning.

Sincerely,
Chris Neuzil

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Christopher Gonzales

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Fred Schreiber
Sayville, NY

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Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:58 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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From: Gale Wood <Gale.Wood.1255614888@advocacymessages.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:55 AM
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This ballistics testing should simply not be allowed in our beautiful ADK!

Sincerely,
Gale Wood, lover of the ADK!

From: Gary Hill <Gary.Hill.1187054341@grassrootsmessages.com>
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Sincerely, Iredell Iglehart MD

A Concerned lover of the peaceful, quiet Adirondacks since I was an infant coming up from NYC and Baltimore -- a special area full of nature that would be disturbed and harmed from terrifying noisy ballistics testing !!

From: Irene Eliea <Irene.Ellea.1186819980@foradvocacy.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:21 PM
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bingham
Essex, NY

Sent from Bingham's iPhone

From: John Rinaldo <John.Rinaldo.1186638607@forgrassroots.com>
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Consider that a full hearing may also preclude lengthy and expensive litigation in the future.

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From: Lea Bedore <Lea.Bedore.1186721905@forgrassroots.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:22 AM
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I've gone to court dozens of times to stop Donald Trump's lawlessness, and I'm proud to say that I've beaten him 64 times. That tells you two really important things:

FIRST, Donald Trump and his MAGA minions don't quit. If we don't want their extreme agenda, we'll have to stand up and stop them. And stop them again. And again. Every single time.

SECOND, the GOP is beatable. We just have to put the work in -- and that includes at the ballot box.

That brings me to today. The DSCC is working to lay the groundwork for a MASSIVE blue wave in the midterms, and to get us in tip-top shape, they've set a \$250,000 end-of-month fundraising goal.

But as of now, we're on track to fall short of that mark -- and unless we play catch-up immediately, we could be handing victory right back to the GOP.

So Leanna, now's the time to show up, because that's how we win -- take it from someone who's done this before. So please, before midnight, will you chip in \$5 or more to beat Republicans and elect Democrats who will stand up for our rights? >> <<https://qcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?>

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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

From: Thomas Ulrichs <Thomas.Ulrichs.1186725419@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:37 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Please hold an adjudicatory hearing for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

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Sincerely,

From: Tina Campala <Tina.Campala.1186614017@forgrassroots.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:45 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:50 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

From: Wendy Adams <Wendy.Adams.1186687286@yourconstituent.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:49 AM
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From: Willa Ferrer <Willa.Ferrer.1255596795@advocatesmessage.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:11 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: I urge you to hold an adjudicatory hearing for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

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Dear Executive Director Rice,

My name is Willa Ferrer and I am a 24-year old resident of Blue Mountain Lake. I'm writing today to urge the Adirondack Park Agency to hold a formal adjudicatory hearing on the proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Testing Project in the Town of Lewis (P2021-0276). I have briefly looked into the project and am very concerned as to the detrimental impact on both the wildlife and peoples who live in Lewis and across the Park.

I also site the following reasons:

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Willa Ferrer

From: William Ayling <William.Ayling.1256267038@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:13 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

From: William Bain <William.Bain.1255673312@forgrassroots.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:56 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Please hold an adjudicatory hearing for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

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Sincerely,
William Bain

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 6:06 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: dfeerick09@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Denis Feerick
Email from: dfeerick09@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Why not permit this? It would be potentially less harmful to the Adirondack Park environment than the permanent damage to that the Olympics bike track construction project has and/or will cause to the environment with impunity.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 5:36 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: stephaniekiyak@hotmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: stephanie kiyak
Email from: stephaniekiyak@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This will surely affect all wildlife within the area. I am strongly against this application being granted.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 7:53 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: joangrabe@aol.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Joan Grabe
Email from: joangrabe@aol.com
Address: 137 Beaverwood Rd Saranac Lake New York 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Of all the inane ideas I have ever heard this cannon proposal takes the cake. Noise pollution like this in a state park in a town with people nearby by a private individual ? Don't we leave activities like this to the Department of Defense or to ranges owned by defense contractors ? Whatever is going on here is ridiculous considering the automatic response of every environmental group in the Park. We will immediately turn to the courts for relief. This is the same individual who caused a ruckus this summer with those so called War Games. This must be stopped !!!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 7:24 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: lily17@northnet.org
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kim Wimett
Email from: lily17@northnet.org
Address: 41 Hale Hill Ln Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is in response to your letter recieved October 3, 2025...

Is it not enough that we, the residents of Lewis, have to endure the Black Hawk helicopters, the gun fire and the explosions from the past "military maneuvers" in September, now we may have to endure this cannon testing also? 30 times a year? That equals once a week for almost 7 months! Are we going to be given notice of the tests? Not that it will matter. It will still scare the hell out of us even though we know it's coming.

IF this project gets full approval to move forward, then the residents of the entire Town of Lewis should recieve some type of compensation. I mean, if we have to endure this outrageous abuse of our quiet little town, THEN WE SHOULD BE COMPENSATED!

From: Chris Siegel <csiegel@saratogahonda.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 5:18 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: MICHAEL HOPMEIER / WEAPONS RANGE

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good evening,

Frederick Aldinger .

i thought that this plan had been put to rest by anyone living nearby,
and the APA , and or the town of lewis .

let alone property values, which will take a dive .

What about the harmful results that it will do to the wildlife in the area .

Has anyone paid for that study to be done ?

Obviously , you can tell I am against this plan and idea .

Thank you for your time .

christopher v. siegel.
9566 route 9
lewis n.y. 12950

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 7:36 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: colleenmcohen@gmail.com
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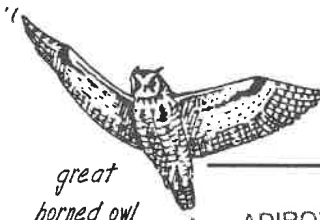
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Colleen Cohen
Email from: colleenmcohen@gmail.com
Address: 212 County Highway 7B Mineville 12956
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

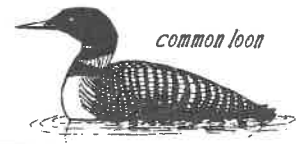
I object t this proposal. It has no place in our peaceful Adirondacks.



great
horned owl



chickadee



common loon

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Dear Mr. Aldinger-

I do not agree with
this project & the
disturbance of the
forest around &
beyond the target site.

The birds & animals
will not return to this
area in the frequency
that they once did.

Suzi Dobay
Johnson Lane

Lewis
11-4-2950



osprey



white-throated
sparrow



red-tailed
hawk



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From: EJ O'kusky <property4all@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:31 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Dear Mr. Aldinger:

Once again, we are concerned about the application from Mr. Hopmeier to move ahead with his planned ballistics testing. On August 1 of 2025, we experienced just a small amount of his firing some type of weapons after 9 p.m. I have sent a second email with a video with a time stamp.

The landowners had no warning this was happening and no time to prepare. I'm concerned about the impact this has on our veterans in the area that have problems with PTSD and our children that could suffer from the trauma that this causes. I truly believe that if this is going to happen the property owners should have notice and time to secure the wellbeing of animals and loved ones. There are many places in the United States that this could happen that are not in a populated area. Mr. Hopmeier has been allowed to have low flying helicopters and drones in our immediate space. The helicopters are so low and loud that you can actually see the pilot. We never received notice that these exercises were happening until a landowner called him directly. It seems that it is one thing after another with this business and he is under the impression that the town people have to take whatever he applies for. If the APA allows the firing of the howitzer 30 times a year, what is next? It was reported that other towns in the area also heard the firings on August 1st. If neighboring towns can hear the weapons fire, and the helicopters you can only imagine how loud it is for people that live close by. The concerns are always there for our wells and land.

Thank you,

Emma Jean Okusky

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Aisha Stanyon
Email from: adkgolden@gmail.com
Address: 21 Dog Hill Rd Keeseville NY 12944
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am totally against this. Our rural community and environment should not be subjected to this harmful testing.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:44 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: alan@hasselw.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Alan Hasselwander
Email from: alan@hasselw.com
Address: 4 Harvey Road North River, NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Testing of artillery in the Adirondacks is ridiculous. The Adirondacks is a place for quiet and peace.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Andrew Deso
Email from: adeso1974@gmail.com
Address: Lewis, NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please don't allow this testing to go on.
The Howitzer is very very loud (louder than an airplane taking off. 180 decibels compared to around 130) It will also definitely have an impact on wildlife. The Jay Mountain wilderness should be protected.
This is why the APA exists.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Anthony Ellis
Email from: trs319@yahoo.com
Address: 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I'm writing as a resident of the Adirondacks to express my opposition to the proposed firing range. While I understand the value of providing safe places for recreational shooting, I'm deeply concerned about the environmental, safety, and community impacts this project could have on our region.

The Adirondacks are defined by their natural quiet, wildlife, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Introducing a firing range would disrupt the peace that residents and visitors alike treasure, affect nearby wildlife, and diminish the experience of hikers, campers, and families who come here seeking tranquility.

There are also practical concerns about noise pollution, safety, and potential contamination from lead and other materials. Once this type of development is allowed, it's difficult to undo the damage to the character of the area.

I urge you to prioritize preserving the Adirondacks' natural soundscape and rural quality of life over projects that threaten them. Please reject this proposal and seek alternatives that align with the region's values of conservation and responsible recreation.

Thank you for your time and consideration

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Audrey hyson
Email from: Achyson@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I strongly oppose the proposed howitzer testing in the town of Lewis. This project does not belong in the Adirondack Park, especially near the Jay Mountain Wilderness. Firing heavy artillery, even into sand, risks noise pollution, wildlife disturbance, and contamination from metal and propellant residue.

Approving a private munitions testing site here would create a harmful precedent and undermine the park's purpose of conservation and public enjoyment. The Adirondack Park is meant to protect nature and provide peace, not serve as a weapons testing ground.

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to deny this application to preserve the environment and character of the region.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:42 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Barbara Grant
Email from: boboj1164@gmail.com
Address: 52 Sawmill Rd Jay NY 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This should not be allowed in the Adirondacks as people chose to live here for the peace and quiet and the beautiful environment. Neighbors and the wild life should not be subjected to this noise simply so gun toting fools can play soldiers. Disgusting how the APA of recent years have been selling their core values for the almighty dollars of rich that come here to destroy our peace.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 9:16 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: bonnie.denman@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bonnie Vicki
Email from: bonnie.denman@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against this proposal. I live in the Adirondacks and find the thought of hearing howitzers being fired in the park upsetting. The park is definitely the wrong setting for this activity.
Thank you for reading my comments.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: conrail313@hotmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Brian Kaempf
Email from: conrail313@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Hello,

It is wild to me that the APA is even considering this plan. The amount of noise pollution, actual pollution and fire risk caused by this project are unacceptable. Artillery fire is incredibly loud, and depending on weather conditions will echo through forever wild lands far from the actual site. This isn't even a case of "oh it's the military so we kind of have to let them do what they want", it's a private company. They can test elsewhere that won't disturb one of the few protected wilderness areas in the northeast. Please DO NOT approve this project.

Brian Kaempf

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Cole Trager
Email from: cwtrager@gmail.com
Address: 2819 Essex Rd. Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Absolutely not. Wildlife concerns and also disruptive to local communities and pets. It is appalling that this is even allowed inside the Adirondack Park and completely against the mission of the APA.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:41 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: dave12942@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: David Mason
Email from: dave12942@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live in Keene and the annoyance and disturbance caused by Jaded Thunder this summer causes me to write to deny the permit for this project. I can't imagine what it was like in Lewis.

We have the Army come use Marcy field from time to time for helicopter practice. That is the Government. These people are apparently just contractors. They were irresponsible in the case of Jaded Thunder.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: skidog17@msn.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Gregory wait
Email from: skidog17@msn.com
Address: 475 County Route 10 Corinth NY 12822
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

There are many reasons why this project should not be allowed to operate within the blue line. I cannot think of one reason as to why it would be approved, as it is inappropriate for this location. The person or persons who are behind this proposal could care less about our beautiful park. They do not understand at all.

If you do your legal due diligence

If you care about the park and the people who live here for one second there is no way no way you would approve this proposal Thank You, Gregory Wait

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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: jacarney4214@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jack Carney
Email from: jacarney4214@gmail.com
Address: 32 Keller Bay Way, PO Box 784 LONG LAKE NY 12847
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Not on your life. What war are we preparing for? Not worth the well- being outhouse of us who reside in or visit the park, including the abundant wild creatures that have called the Park home for thousands of years. Tell Hegseth and the Defense Dept to locate their range in the now defunct Alligator Alcatraz or, be/er yet, an absolutely uninhabited place in the USofA.

There is no such place, you say ... well that's precislyvmy recommendation, nowhere.

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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Janice Bever
Email from: jmbever52@gmail.com
Address: 21 Clark Ave Fort Plain NY 13339
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I understand the need to test weapons. I don't understand why it would be done in such a beautiful area. This will affect the wildlife. These animals are already struggling to survive. I vote a giant NO!. Animals first. No way.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 3:52 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: jared.butlin@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jared Butlin
Email from: jared.butlin@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The proposed howitzer testing range in Lewis is incompatible with the Adirondack Park's purposes and sets a dangerous precedent. This would be the first private munitions-testing facility ever permitted by the Adirondack Park Agency, opening the door to future industrial weapons activities near protected Forest Preserve lands. The site abuts sensitive areas like the Jay Mountain Wilderness/Taylor Pond Wild Forest, where repeated concussive blasts—even limited to weekdays—would degrade natural soundscapes, stress wildlife, and diminish the quiet recreation experience that local residents and visitors rely on.

Public safety and community well-being are at risk. Firing 155 mm howitzers up to 30 days a year introduces high-decibel shock waves, potential debris, and traffic from military-scale logistics into a rural town not designed for it. Neighbors have already raised sustained concerns about noise and disruption. The applicant has not provided transparent sponsorship or a compelling necessity for siting this activity in the Park—especially when testing can occur at established military or industrial ranges outside the Adirondacks.

The APA's mandate is to protect natural resources and uphold community character. Approving a private artillery range contradicts that mission, inflicts avoidable impacts on people and wildlife, and normalizes weapons testing in a protected landscape. The application should be denied.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:24 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: jasongerhardt@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jason Gerhardt
Email from: jasongerhardt@gmail.com
Address: 1163 Stevenson Rd Westport NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't think approval should be granted for military testing and training in the Adirondack Park, period, and that includes in Lewis. There are infinitely more places around the country and state where this could occur without interfering with the actual purpose for which the park was established. This kind of activity is wholly incompatible with conservation and the quiet enjoyment of nature that millions of people come to experience here in the Adirondacks, supporting out local economy. Military testing does nothing for the local economy except repel residents and tourists. We dealt with enough of that kind of activity this summer with helicopters and gunfire. It's actually quite absurd this is allowed by the APA. I think the APA is in a great dereliction of duty for allowing anything like this within the blue line. Please do not support this kind of thing in the future in Lewis, which effects Elizabethtown, Westport, Willsboro, and Essex with noise pollution. I would solicit public feedback from all of these communities due the nature of sound travel.

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Cc: jlamarca96@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jeff LaMarca
Email from: jlamarca96@gmail.com
Address: 62 Fennell St Skaneateles NY 13152
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I urge the APA to reject this application. The applicant proposes to create an incredible amount of noise pollution that will destroy the peace across thousands of acres of land that the applicant does not own, including the Jay Mountain Wilderness which is owned by the entire population of the people of New York State. There is no public benefit - one person wants to get paid to play with guns - but there would be an enormous quality of life cost imposed on the public by Mr. Hopmeier's proposed weapons facility. 19.9 million New Yorker's rights to peaceful enjoyment of our forest preserves far outweighs one man's right to blow stuff up.

From: Jennifer Rabinowitz <animaltalkradio@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:57 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Re: "Each test would fire a steel projectile into a target area. No explosive warheads are proposed to be used. The howitzer assembly is proposed to be fired up to 30 times per year on weekdays, between the hours of 10am and 4pm."

Are you kidding me? The last I checked we live in a protected natural area. People live in this rural area, raise children in the rural area, and enjoy the peace and quiet of a rural area. By what right does this guy get to shoot off howitzers up to THIRTY times per year? Not only will he be a noxious neighbor, but how will his playing GI Joe impact property values?

I think it is more difficult to weigh the values that ask for the absence of a howitzer vs ruling to allow a howitzer -- the request is for quiet and peace and maintaining the ADK as a "forever wild" park. Why doesn't this fellow go to Florida to do his bidding and leave the ADK alone. Perhaps he sees the ADK as an empty wilderness area; it is home to others. Please do not approve this man's application.

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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: jebnbd@windstream.net
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jill Barnes
Email from: jebnbd@windstream.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

NO, just NO. It's called the Adirondack PARK, right?

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kara Matthews
Email from: kmatthe2@nycap.rr.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I'm against this due to safety concerns and disruptions to a peaceful nature environment . Let this applicant who is a consultant in Florida go there for the testing. The flyovers were stressful enough and now he wants this, where he is the only one making money off of it, at our community's expense!!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: lauricornwright@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Laurie Cornwright
Email from: lauricornwright@gmail.com
Address: 320 Wells Hill Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Just to be clear I am not against science and testing but UC testing is too close to homes in the community. The September trainings: Helicopters flew directly over my house, which at the time not too big a deal. 10:00pm one night had a bright light shine into my bedroom window. So NOT TRUE what they said. Last week I was working upstairs of my house and it felt like it was hit with a shock wave which made my house crack. I was on the phone with my husband and he asked what just exploded. The description says "No explosive warheads are proposed to be used" Give an inch, they will take a mile. The APA has limited people on building houses because they are too high, or cell towers that don't fit the landscape but are willing to allow this. Makes me wonder why. \$\$\$\$???

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lindsay Eberhart
Email from: leeberha@syr.edu
Address: 643 Port Douglas Road Keeseville NY 12944
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Embarrassing and inappropriate.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: lwillemain@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lindsay Willemain
Email from: lwillemain@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against this project, which runs counter to the nature of our protected space and will be a nuisance to wildlife, pets, and people alike.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: lemacco@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: LYNNE MACCO
Email from: lemacco@gmail.com
Address: Elizabethtown NY 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I object to this proposed use of rural land because of the impact on humans and wildlife.

According to a US Army Public Health Command report, a 155mm Howitzer can produce 181 decibel blast.

That is more than 25 times louder than an average rock concert, while a jet engine takeoff is normally about 150 decibels.

We don't need the sound equivalent of jets taking off 30 times a year. It was bad enough when the army exercises took place here earlier this summer and I fear this would attract more of a similar activity.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: mcarneyw46@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Matthew Carney
Email from: mcarneyw46@gmail.com
Address: 4094 Factory Rd Natural Bridge NY 13665
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I can think of very few projects less suited to our Adirondack Park than a test range for howitzers. This should not go forward. These are very strange/sad times to think that it is even being considered.

Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 2:35 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: meleisinger@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Melissa Eisinger
Email from: meleisinger@gmail.com
Address: 30 JACKSON RD KEENE NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is my second attempt with this form. First one was rejected.
Howitzers are meant to kill people and whatever other living things are nearby. Our park is meant to protect the living things within it, the forests and waters.
The two things don't match. Even if there is the chance that a few locals might get a job shooting rockets into sand piles.
I hate the idea.
It's near my home and inside the Blue Line I rely on to keep this region safe.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: calma.michael00@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Michael Calma
Email from: calma.michael00@gmail.com
Address: 10897 NYS RT 9N Keene NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Mr. Aldinger

My name is Mike Calma and I am a current full time resident of the Adirondack Park. My wife and I are also soon to be residents of the town of Lewis.

I am veteran who specialized in large caliber armaments. I am extremely against this proposal. A project such as this would be a detriment to the town, environment, and set a dangerous precedent for future proposals. The Adirondacks are not and should not be a para - military playground.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Kind regards,
Mike
Gunners Mate 3rd Class
United States Coast Guard Veteran

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mike Komoroske
Email from: mjkomoroske@aol.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Deny this application. Six notices of incomplete application tell you something.

Less than three miles from the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area.

155 mm howitzer range is 9 miles or more.

Things that can go wrong, often do go wrong especially with poorly regulated private contractors. I'm speaking from experience.

Deny this application or hold a full hearing.

c. Governor Kathy Hochul

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Paul Pribis
Email from: ppribis@nycap.rr.com
Address: 3050 Shaw Rd Middle Grove NY 12850
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Working for General Electric on liquid propellant technology for 155mm cannons, I designed , built, and tested a muffler for this device. It reduced the overall sound level to 62 dba at the site boundary. The details of this muffler are within public domain . The muffler was installed and used at the Malta test facility of GE Armament Systems, under DARPA contract. Such a device might be considered for this application.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Rich DeFichy
Email from: Rdefichy@gmail.com
Address: Newcomb NY 12852;
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

No to this request/proposal. The loud noises will have zero benefit to residents, and disrupt community life on a daily basis by interfering with any events or outdoors activities, frighten animals and pets, drive down property values, detract from commerce at local businesses by annoying and driving away customers, and stifle enjoyment of peace in the outdoors. Why doesn't the business owner try doing this in his home state of Florida? What an idiotic and deleterious proposal for our region, zero benefit to all residents.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Robert Thompson
Email from: thompsonrc8269@gmail.com
Address: 8616 US Rt 9 apt 1 Lewis NY 12977
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Why is this even a possibility.... of course its going to cause more damage in the foreseeable future. Allowing this will open the door for much more nonsense. I am highly opposed to this and hopefully it doesn't happen. It is one door that should not be opened, as you will never shut it again.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Siobhan Carney-Nesbitt
Email from: scarneynesbitt@gmail.com
Address: Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As someone who frequents the Adirondacks, this sounds like an absurd proposal. People seek out and cherish the peacefulness and tranquility of the Adirondacks Park. I am in firm opposition to this recent proposal which risks altering the very nature of our beloved Adirondack Park. When I visit the Adirondacks, I look to escape from the noise.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 5:52 PM
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mrs. Sylvie Bimka
Email from: sbimka@frontiernet.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am appalled that this is being considered in the Adirondack Park - a place of peace and harmony. This is where tourists come to get away and experience Nature at its best and most beautiful. We certainly do not need war games to upset them or us. The Adirondacks is a sanctuary...let us respect it.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tamara J Mrose
Email from: mroset@frontiernet.net
Address: 612 Dugway Rd Keeseville NY 12944
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am openly apposed to the use of land in the Adirondack park, town of Lewis for the perfection of killing technology as well as the disruption of life both human and non human that will be generated by the sounds and concussion of ballistic testing.
We do not need to perfect the art of killing!!!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: timmount@hotmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Timothy Mount
Email from: timmount@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

i am totally opposed to this test firing proposal as well as military exercises in the area. Let the boys (and girls) go play with their toys in a totally unpopulated area like Nevada.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: singe.tina@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tina Singe
Email from: singe.tina@gmail.com
Address: 637 Ausable Drive Jay NY 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not allow this. It will be extremely invasive and destructive to the wild life, homeowners who expect peace and quiet in the Adirondacks, and dogs. People move to the Adirondacks for the peace and quiet, not to hear a firing range in the distance. Dogs can hear things from miles away and it's proven that firing ranges terrify dogs. Think about how many people own dogs in the area. Think about the wildlife and how a firing range will disturb their natural patterns, potentially causing more accidents from deer running in the street. SAY NO.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 11:16 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: zach.lawrence01@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Zach Lawrence
Email from: zach.lawrence01@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 112 AuSable Forks New York 12912
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Time to leave the military history in the Adirondacks as history. There is no need for artillery testing or any other manner of military testing/training activity in the Park. This would be a great place to start for carving a path forward on tackling noise pollution in the Adirondacks. Activities of this nature do not support the industries that are vital to the private citizens of the Park, and they are in direct contrast to the interests of the public wild lands here. Keep these activities at Fort Drum. It's bad enough that they fly military planes over the Park. That should be addressed as well. The noise will obviously impact the surrounding community, but please consider the impacts on the wildlife inhabiting the surrounding area as well. Acceptance of this application will set a precedent we don't need in the Adirondacks and will open the door for further activities of this nature. Please do the right thing for the Adirondacks and the communities within and reject this application.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: Amanda.s.king@outlook.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Amanda King
Email from: Amanda.s.king@outlook.com
Address: Raccoon lane Jay New york 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to establish an artillery or munitions testing site near Lewis, adjacent to the Jay Mountain Wilderness. This project is entirely inconsistent with the values and protections that define the Adirondack Park and its surrounding communities.

The Adirondacks are a sanctuary for both wildlife and people — a place where natural silence, ecological balance, and outdoor recreation thrive. Introducing a weapons testing facility — even on a limited basis — would have severe and far-reaching impacts:

1. Wildlife disruption:

The sound and vibration from howitzer testing would cause significant stress to local wildlife, driving species away from their natural habitats and potentially disrupting breeding and migration patterns. Sensitive species such as moose, black bear, bobcats, and nesting birds rely on the stability and quiet of this region to survive.

2. Environmental degradation:

Testing heavy artillery risks contamination from metals, explosives, and debris that could seep into soil and waterways. The proximity to Jay Mountain Wilderness and other protected lands means these pollutants could spread quickly through fragile ecosystems.

3. Community and quality of life:

Residents and visitors come to this area for peace, nature, and recreation — not the sound of gunfire or military explosions. This facility would drastically change the character of the region, impacting tourism, local businesses, and property values. The sense of safety and tranquility that defines our towns would be lost.

4. Precedent for future industrial activity:

Allowing such a facility to operate within the boundaries of the Adirondack Park sets a dangerous precedent. It opens the door to further militarization and industrial uses that are incompatible with the Park's mission of environmental preservation and responsible stewardship.

The Adirondacks are not the place for artillery testing. There are countless other suitable locations that do not threaten protected wilderness, sensitive habitats, and the way of life cherished by residents of Lewis, Jay, and surrounding communities.

Please reject this proposal in the interest of protecting the people, wildlife, and future of the Adirondacks.

Sincerely,
Amanda
Jay Resident.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: a_sugar@prodigy.net
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Andy Sugar
Email from: a_sugar@prodigy.net
Address: NY 12997
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have to believe there are other areas in the ADK or even other states that wouldn't require similar conditions the training could be done it. There is already an artillery facility in Western NY. There does not seem to be a need for this to be here.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: Bbarbfn@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Barbara Phillips
Email from: Bbarbfn@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I feel that the Adirondacks are meant for living peacefully. Fort Drum is designed for training with cannons and heavy armament. The noise is expected, however notification of exercises SHOULD be made public for the residents.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: sunderwoodmiller@aol.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Charlotte Underwood-Miller Email from: sunderwoodmiller@aol.com
Address: 1035 Springfield Road Wilmington NY 12997
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This has to be one of the WORST ideas ever! The Adirondacks are a national park! Many rare species call the park home. Not only is the noise pollution harmful to wild animals, potentially disrupting breeding, nesting and general well-being, but the impact on humans and domestic animals (the statistics on fireworks affecting pets is extensive) must also be weighed. This seems to me to be an entirely unnecessary and wholly inappropriate activity to allow in a national park, especially in the Northeast.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Clara. Burley
Email from: burleycm@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I would not want a howitzer fired off on private property in the Adirondacks. Who does that,???? That needs to be done on restricted land used for military not private land. what kind of person does not think of his neighbors and think it is right to have howitzers fired off on private property. The town should pass a local ordinance against such use. The Adirondacks is meant to be used for tranquility not war games. I grew up in the Adirondacks and the peaceful quiet was most welcomed and enjoyed. Do play your war games elsewhere.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Daniel Walley
Email from: walleydg@gmail.com
Address: 9149 Caribbean Soul WAY Panama City Beach FL 32413
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Artillery is the sound of freedom's Drum beat. King of Battle! Red Leg Out...

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: D. C.
Email from: d@d.co
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Amazing that the Adirondack Park Agency, an agency so woke they would rather everyone basically vacate the Adirondacks and give it back to the bears, would even be willing to entertain someone firing ballistics into the mountainside and allow for literally anything remotely close to a wildfire to start.

We can't have cellphones in the Park, but we can have some dude launching rockets into it?

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Denise Carpenter
Email from: dcarp1267@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do NOT allow this happen. I grew up spending my summers in the Adirondacks. It's a peaceful, serene place amid a crazy world. Don't bring active military big gun fire here. It will affect all who live here including the wildlife. Please say NO.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Eric Malpass
Email from: esmalpass@gmail.com
Address: 120 Irving Place Ithaca NY 14850
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I grew up in the Adirondacks. Lived there for over 40 years. After having to move to Ithaca my wife and I always planned on moving back to the Adirondacks. Allowing something like this goes against everything I had learned that the Adirondacks should be! Please don't let this happen to such a wonderful place!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 9:32 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: thewhyini@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jenn Munsie
Email from: thewhyini@gmail.com
Address: NY 12997
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Absolutely not. Fort Drum is already doing this. Use that. Why are you disturbing the peace here? There are more non-populated areas that wouldn't require impacting where people are living and working to the extent this would.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: John Christopher LaHart
Email from: chrisandleslielahart@gmail.com
Address: 14 Circle Drive Tupper Lake NY 12986
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Unnecessary. While I am an advocate for a property owner to use their property for pretty much any use as they desire, I feel that this use is unnecessary. The federal government has plenty of land available for this purpose on many installations. For example, forts Drum, Bragg, Former forts AP Hill, Lee, and numerous others.

As a veteran of the USAF 1989 to 1999, and retired DOD Fire Chief, this is way more than the sighting of a rifle or other small arm for hunting. The potential for fire as a result of errant propellant. increases as does the possibility for unplanned catastrophe from hung or unexploded squibs places other homeowners and the park at risk.

This is ridiculous.

Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: John Esford
Email from: jlesford@yahoo.com
Address: 105 Schuyler Hills Drive Saratoga Springs New York 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As stewards of public lands you need to do a better job caring for the quality of life regarding native wildlife and uphold the oath of responsibility to care for the land that you've been entrusted to keep natural and protected. This proposal directly violates that oath by collateral damage of public lands in order to benefit the individual. Do better.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: John Knox
Email from: adirondackjack@hotmail.com
Address: 114 Johnson Ln Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Why would anyone within a six mile radius of this proposed artillery testing site want to hear this loud noise 30 times a year from their homes? I don't and I believe most people don't either.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 7:38 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: John.waszak.80@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: John Waszak
Email from: John.waszak.80@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL. Keep the Adirondacks peaceful.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 9:19 AM
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Judy French
Email from: Jpiercefrench@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I highly support the research and training of our military. I do however have concerns of this operation and the site. During the recent "training " military helicopters flew very low and fast over the bridge and dam in Wadhams NY. Traffic stopped because it was so intimidating. I feel the oversight of these operations are not thorough. I am concerned about future testing operations. I encourage you to deny this project.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: kate.field@oregonstate.edu
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Katharine Field
Email from: kate.field@oregonstate.edu
Address: 2345 NW 13th St Corvallis OREGON 97330-1431
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have been coming to the Adirondacks, Essex County, every year for 73 years, and my family has owned land in Essex County for 112 years. This proposal violates the spirit of the Adirondack Park. It will be bad for residents, wildlife and tourism. It will generate toxic waste and noise pollution in a pristine area. Please do not allow this project to occur.

From: apa.sm.contact
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 1:34 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Fw: Website Contact Form - Lewis ballistic weapons testing site

From: Laurel Rule <notifications@cognitoforms.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 8:07 AM
To: apa.sm.contact <contact@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Website Contact Form - Lewis ballistic weapons testing site

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Laurel Rule

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NAME	Laurel Rule
EMAIL	blackbay105@gmail.com
SUBJECT	Lewis ballistic weapons testing site
MESSAGE	When Mr. Hopmeier held his practice war games in September this year, it was noisy and annoying at first having helicopters loudly hovering and positioning nearby, and explosions occurring randomly, especially when trying to sleep. Then as it wore on, it became anxiety-provoking and disruptive. It interrupted conversation outside, on the porch, inside with windows open, and woke me from sleep. I can't imagine the impact on birds and other wildlife. I am against any of his ballistic weapons testing, or practice war games ever being allowed in the future. The military has bases for that. The Adirondacks is NOT the place for this. We live about 3 miles away from his site, on the edge of the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area. Please don't allow him to alter the character of the Park, for ALL of its inhabitants. Thank you for your time.

Laurel Rule, RN

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Linda Lane
Email from: Lindamermaid@comcast.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please, do not do this. The park is a
Peaceful place for all who enter. Humans and Animal lives as well.

Thank you

From: Lindsay Scheinberg <lscheinberg@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 7:01 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: scheinbergadk@gmail.com
Subject: "Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger"

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We are writing to express our opposition to this proposed use of designated "Rural Use" land in Lewis. (As a point of reference for perspective on why this is of concern to us, our land in Lewis is a farm that has been in the family since the 1880s.) We firmly believe that the proposed munitions testing activity violates both the spirit and letter of the APA's mission to ensure a balance between human activity and natural preservation. We are unaware of any existing precedent for munitions testing within the Park, and are concerned by the precedent that granting approval to this proposal would set. We strongly urge the APA to deny this application. In so doing, the APA would be perpetuating the legacy of stewardship of North Country lands that has enabled places like Lewis to remain desirable places to live, farm, hunt, fish, hike, and enjoy the aforementioned balance of usage.

David and Lindsay Scheinberg
1069 Stowersville Road
Lewis, New York 12950

scheinbergadk@gmail.com

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lindsey Belanger
Email from: Llteam57@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Firing a howlitzer will cause serious effects to our small town. When it impacts it can destroy buildings, start fires, and produce lethal fragmentation. Also shockwaves can shatter windows, crack foundations, and cause hearing damage. The Adirondack Park is supposed to be protected. At the meeting we were advised that the land is owned by Michael Hopmeier. But public records show the 197 acres are owned by Pulsifer Logging LLC. If pulsifer owns the land then unconventional concepts does not benefit Lewis NY by paying taxes.

Is there any consequences on the land owner or unconventional concepts if experimentation takes place after hours?

Experimenting military grade weapons will not only cause destruction it will displace or even kill wildlife. Shouldn't the forever wild clause come into play?

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mary Patterson Field
Email from: patted19481950@comcast.net
Address: 18 Bluebird Way Wilmington NY 12997
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This plan goes against everything the Adirondack Park stands for. It will violate the natural world. It should not be allowed to continue.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Maxime Rathe
Email from: Maxrathe@hotmail.com
Address: Raccoon lane Jay NY 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I'm writing because I care deeply about this area and what makes it special. Bringing artillery testing into the Adirondacks goes against everything this place stands for. The constant blasts, noise, and disruption would scare off wildlife, disturb nesting and migration, and completely change the peaceful environment we all value.

It's not just about the animals..it's about the people who live here too. Most of us moved to or stayed in this region because of its quiet and beauty. No one wants to hear explosions echoing through the mountains or worry about what kind of chemicals and debris might end up in the soil and water.

There are plenty of other places for this kind of testing, but there's only one Adirondacks. Please keep this land protected and free from military or industrial projects that don't belong here.

Sincerely,

Max

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 2:01 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Michele Romeo
Email from: gojiberrygranola@hotmail.com
Address: P.O.BOX 3475 FARMINGDALE NY 11735
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Why are we renting to a private military contractor to test weapons ??? This contradicts U.S. Military policy. We already have training centers and do not need to disturb residents of Lewis and the surrounding New York State Park system.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Norman Edward Thornton
Email from: Tedthorn@gmail.com
Address: 24 Bluebird Way Wilmington NY 12997
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am married to the owner of the property listed above. I am against the proposed project because I believe the noise generated by the Howitzers will negatively impact wildlife in the area.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Pat Boutilier
Email from: rpbcolo@juno.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project looks like it deserves a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study to address the potential for noise impacts on a rural environment and potential drift of toxic chemicals released by the actions undertaken . Also consideration should be give about potential land devaluation due to the presence of the operations .

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Pete Walsemann
Email from: tughilldog13619@gmail.com
Address: 606 Alexandria Street Carthage NY 13619-1006
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live in Carthage, New York in the shadow of Fort Drum. Most of the time, you hardly even remember the base is nearby. Summer months might have the evening punctuated by automatic weapon fire, the buzz of helicopter gunships, and every once in a while the whirring noise of the A-10 Warthog guns. Periodically, there are the booms of the big guns.

Most of the time there is little reminder of the installation.

As I recall, the Adirondack Park does not have any posted "quiet hours." While I appreciate the concern of the residents, I think that the disturbance is minor and easily accommodated. \$0.02.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Richard Russell
Email from: Russell243@verizon.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposal is unacceptable. There are so many regulations currently in place to preserve the natural beauty and tranquility of the Adirondacks. Surely, allowing the firing of cannons and weapons of war do not support that goal. If this company wants to do this type of training it should be done in the desert or a Location where there are no residents, not near a town like Lewis. It's quite frankly appalling that approval for something like this would even be considered. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: SHERRI L BRADY
Email from: sherrilynnmeehl@gmail.com
Address: 350 Timber Ridge St. NE #D114 Albany OR 97322
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

It doesn't sound very fair to the local residents. Whether there is a "5 day warning" or not. The residents deserve some sort of special zoning. Mr. Hopmeier(sp) doesn't seem interested in protecting the locals. I'm sure there are other areas that can test fire the Howitsers(sp). Try putting yourself in the local residents shoes.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Susan Hubbard
Email from: Henriquez.hubbard@gmail.com
Address: NY 10591
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

We use the Adirondack Park up in that area for camping, scouting and hiking. I'm wondering what the decibel level and range of sound will be during these tests? If they're firing 30 times is that multiple times a day, multiple weeks in a row, once a month? Will this impact the summer time when we spend time up there, will it impact all seasons?

Has a study been done on environmental impact? The article I read implied their drills were impacting the local residents properties by flying directly and hovering directly overhead, what is the buffer zone on this metal projectile? Is the property willing to purchase other properties in the area at a fair market price as a buffer zone or will they be utilizing their connections to the US military for eminent domain claims should this be necessary?

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Susan Hubbard
Email from: Henriquez.hubbard@gmail.com
Address: NY 10591
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Addendum to my first comments. If I'm doing the math correctly I would think you need to take a look at the property configuration and the proposed location of the pad versus the direction of the projectile. I understand that they're not using blasting ordinance but safety zones still need to be taken into consideration and I'm not sure that they're firing from one end of the property to the other expecting everybody else's property to absorb whatever happens.
EIS including surrounding properties .

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Suzanne F Doin
Email from: rsdoin@icloud.com
Address: 139 Wood Cliff Drive Plattsburgh NY 12901-6056
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I believe that this type of activity is contrary to the purposes of the Adirondack Park. For those living in range of this, it devalues property values, not to mention the impact on health and well being of everyone in the community that will be subject to this noise. Wild life will be driven from the area and residents along with those traveling to the Adirondacks for a peaceful, natural outdoor experiences expecting an escape from the noise pollution of urban areas and seeking outdoor nature will go elsewhere. The needs of the owner of this property for revenue should not be put before the needs of those who have chosen to live peacefully in this community.

I've been to the Missile sight on an AARCH (Adirondack Architectural Heritage) tour a number of years ago and it is part of history. It should be maintained as that and the owner might better explore educational and other uses that do not disrupt the lives of those who have chosen to live in the beautiful, one of a kind Adirondack Park in NYS.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Timothy Mount
Email from: timmount@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I urge you to watch this about the meeting in Lewis Oct. 16 where the outraged citizenry unanimously condemned the proposal
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mynbc5.com%2Farticle%2Flewis-residents-outraged-over-proposal-to-experiment-with-weapons-at-old-missile-silo%2F69066427&data=05%7C02%7Ccrpcomments%40apa.ny.gov%7C3adbc68cc1f74ccc1e1908de0d7500d7%7Cf46cb8ea79004d108ceb80e8c1c81ee7%7C0%7C0%7C638962993362253909%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiJlZjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=b6ZXuUPB60a8WVHxGJZi3Wxeqx7U7l6TYIIPF9rO0YE%3D&reserved=0>

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Ann Bisantz
Email from: ann.bisantz@gmail.com
Address: 107 Floodwood Road Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The use of land adjacent to protected Adirondack areas, for weapons testing as described in the project, is directly contrary to goals of wilderness protection. Sound pollution is real, intrusive, causes stress to humans and wildlife, and cannot be restricted to the bounds of private property. Decibel levels of the proposed activities are louder than jet engines. Our property is approximately 50 mi from the planned activity, well within the 100 mile range the sound will carry - as are the most protected wilderness areas of the Adirondack Park. Back country camping, hiking, and paddling will all be negatively impacted. Approving this project will also open the doors for similar and similarly negatively impactful activities. I truly can't imagine how the APA would believe this was approvable.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Barbara Ann Delaney
Email from: bdelaney@nycap.rr.com
Address: 32 AVIATION RD APT 212 Albany NY 12205 NY 12205
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I believe that the heavy artillery cannons weapons testing proposal submitted to the APA by Michael Hopmeier is detrimental to health and safety of the residents, soil, water, wildlife of the Town of Lewis and the surrounding area. Furthermore, it sets a dangerous precedent for other potential polluters that would seek to submit similar projects.

The residents of New York State count on the good judgement of the APA to maintain and protect our magnificent Adirondack Park.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: CHARLES PETER HAGELGANS
Email from: chuckcmk@gmail.com
Address: 72 Helwig St. Gloversville NY 12078
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to the use of land within the Adirondack Park for weapons testing. Weapons testing is incompatible with the goals of the Park. Weapons testing would be a horrible nuisance for the residents within miles of the testing. Weapons testing would disturb the wildlife within miles of the testing. Allowing weapons testing would set a poor precedent of "anything goes" for any future application that would be inconsistent with the goals of the Park.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

From: Bates, Angela (APA)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:17 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: AldingerIII, Frederick W (APA); Burth, John M (APA); Petith, Stephanie L (APA)
Subject: FW: Correspondence [Canavan, Daniel & Lanita] #1383776P

I think this letter sent to Governor Hochul is a duplicate of an existing comment that was submitted for this project.

From: Kelsey Barrett <Kelsey_Barrett/NYEC@chamber.state.ny.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 2:59 PM
To: Bates, Angela (APA) <Angela.Bates@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Correspondence [Canavan, Daniel & Lanita] #1383776P

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Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Lanita Canavan
9581 US Route 9 (Physical, not mailing)
Lewis, New York 12950
Phone 5188739875
danita964u@charter.net
County_Other New York
Addressed to: Governor

Email Subject: re: Adirondack Park Agency Project 2021-0276

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Incoming Correspondence:

Hello Governor Hochol,

We are reaching out to you in regards to you with strong concerns about the business ventures of non-resident Michael Hopmeier in the Town of Lewis in Essex County. The Adirondack Explorer has followed this since at least 2021 and there are many articles to peruse. His business ventures are causing significant disruptions in our town and we are fearful that this will be forced upon the town residents. The only road block to this would be if the APA denies his request to test howitzers in our community. Some say it's a done deal and he will be allowed to do this and no doubt expand his disruptive business ventures. We respectfully request that you look into this and if there is any thing that you can do to help the many residents grave concerns would be much appreciated. The following is a paragraph we submitted per public comment to the APA Project 2021-0276; "Anyone who cares about the Adirondack Park should be in opposition to the proposed howitzer/cannon testing in the Adirondack Park. As residents of Lewis with our home in close proximity to the site in question, and having followed the proposed project(s) since 2021; we were tentatively pleased that this project is facing road blocks. Out of state, non resident defense contractor Michael Hopmeier has failed to provide complete applications five(5) times to the APA and is now appealing the process, again. Many residents of Lewis, and individuals from other communities, do not want this cannon/howitzer testing here or in the Adirondack Park. There is a place for this type of testing and activity, just not in the Adirondack Park. Already established nearby federal military range sites such as Fort Drum and the Ethan Allan range come to mind. The Army has previously determined that this project is not appropriate for Lewis, and issued a stop work order on the project. ?The Army has determined that it currently possesses sufficient test range capacity to meet its artillery testing needs for now and the futur e? . As the Army is the preeminent source of information about cannons and howitzers; this speaks volumes. At this juncture the five incomplete applications to the Adirondack Park Agency and the Army?s stop work order determination should be enough to close this proposed project down for good. However, Mr. Hopmeier wants to appeal the process with the APA further. No doubt having his attorneys exploit any loop holes in the rules and regulations that would protect the Adirondack Park and the residents of Lewis. We hope the APA Board members will look at this carefully and strongly consider the potential long term ramifications of this type of use within the blue lines of the Adirondack Park. We are cautiously optimistic that when the APA Board meets on 11/13/25 and 11/14/25 they will make a final decision of ? no? to the proposed project.

Governor Hochol thank you for your time and consideration with this matter.

Most sincerest regards, Daniel & Lanita Canavan

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Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Dana C. Rohleder, OD
Email from: dcrohleder@yahoo.com
Address: 110 STATE ROUTE 373, PO BOX 305 Port Kent NY 12975
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This isn't simply a Town of Lewis issue. Both the paramilitary exercises and proposed howitzer testing involve effects within and beyond a 50-mile radius. No impact studies have been done on these activities. I live in the adjoining Town of Chesterfield and am well within that radius.

My issue is, it is fact that noise pollution - especially shocking noise levels - has significant impacts on wildlife AND humans. With wildlife and livestock, it can also effect fertility, breeding, and even milk production in cows. Wild birds can abandon nests if noise is severe - it doesn't have to be constant. Mammals - which includes livestock and their humans - can certainly be stressed. Stress is typically not healthy to ANY living thing and can have negative health effects that are always being studied - including physiological (cancer) and psychological effects. It should not be taken lightly. If ALL of the effects of testing and maneuvers are not contained to the private property borders (impossible) we all should be concerned about this situation - not just Lewis residents.

I didn't sign up to be a guinea pig. Neither did the wildlife. Hopmeier states, "... our strong emphasis and effort is to keep the forest and the environment as healthy as it can be.". Without impact studies, this is an absurdly empty statement. This is BEFORE we even get into whether it is right within the Park itself.

I feel thorough independent environmental impact studies and adjudicatory hearings are in order. In addition, since the project could effect the implications of Article 14 and the Park in general, it should require a CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT so that all NYS residents can have a say in how their Park is being managed.

Respectfully,

Dr. Dana C. Rohleder
Port Kent, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Emily Hirsch
Email from: Hirschpr@gmail.com
Address: 12912
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This company is already terrorizing the people and animals of Lewis with their midnight war games, why would we want further weapons testing in the Adirondack park? This is so antithetical to the purpose of the Adirondack Park. Can a park truly be wild if a company is causing noise pollution, disturbing wild life, and creating anxiety with local residents? The people of the Adirondacks do not want this business here nor do we consent to these disturbances or the peace, our property; and our privacy

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Linda J Holloway
Email from: Abilitystockdog@gmail.com
Address: OK 74604
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Allowing howitzer firing is unacceptable. That is loud and dangerous. The fact that you have men willing to kill that aren't military is appalling. The answer is NO you can't.

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Cc: margaretandjames@comcast.net
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Margaret Underwood Field Email from: margaretandjames@comcast.net
Address: CA 95465
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

For the first 23 years of my life, I spent months of every year at a small, primitive family camp in Essex County, NY. I and my descendants continue to visit this peaceful area as often as we can manage. Essex County and the Adirondack Park are gems of nature, showing the value of historic protections against humanity's incursions! You must not allow this project to destroy that. Do Not permit a horribly loud test range for killing-machines in the town of Lewis.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mary Godnick
Email from: marygodnick@gmail.com
Address: 444 dudley road westport Westport NY 12993-2005
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

To whom this may concern,

I have deep concerns about the proposed project 2021-0276 in Lewis, NY. I have witnessed some of the activity going on around the "Unconventional Concepts" property, including low flying helicopters, drones, and gunfire.

Their activity goes against the wild character of the Adirondack Park, impacts wildlife, and harms agricultural operations. This activity should not be allowed in the Forever Wild Adirondack Park, and so close to such important wildlife habitat, wilderness area, and agricultural lands.

Thank you for your time,
Mary Godnick

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Paul M Lamson
Email from: plamson@twcny.rr.com
Address: 1992 SH 812 Gouverneur NY 13642
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There should be no questions about allowing this, it's needed for national defense.

You should not allow all there NIMBY comments from a bunch of liberal losers to hinder this necessary project

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Steven Harnois
Email from: ejfd30@hotmail.com
Address: 479 Hallstrom Rd Northfield VT 05663
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Many of my in-laws live in Lewis NY, I have a vested interest in their health and wellbeing, therefore I feel I have the right to comment on this application.
The Military literally has hundreds of places to do whatever testing is being done, as an example, the Ethan Allen firing range in Underhill VT. This site is 55 times the 197 acre site in Lewis, and has many of the same features of Lewis and is already a firing range. Any testing there will not bother anyone.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Thomas O'Hara
Email from: Thomas.ohara24@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against a test firing range in the park. The petitioner may own a large acreage of land for this range but the noise generated is going to far exceed that acreage. It will scare away the wildlife, not just from the firing but construction as well. This will also set a precedent, only 30 firings a year, it's my land....which will turn into something more destructive in the future that starts destroying the park. Take a look at the world as it is, with rain forest devastation and global warming, large companies destroying the environment to increase profit shares. We need to protect the park.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Alison
Email from: alison.lacivita@gmail.com
Address: 12203
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Is this a joke????

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: ben sitts
Email from: bensitts@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

if the APA approves this it will be a complete abandonment of everything this park stands for. What next, ICE detention facilities or nuclear waste disposal? I will spend every waking minute of the rest of my life disrupting this project just inside the boundaries of the law should it go through. I will also foment insurmountable contempt for the APA should this be approved. I will rain instigation upon this project like the APA has never seen.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Benjamin Moore
Email from: bentmoore77@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this project. Allowing an out of state (FL and VA offices) entity to field test high impact military explosives runs entirely counter to the ethos of the Adirondack Park and can only negatively impact the local community and surrounding area. As Unconventional Concept's website lists only 3 employees, and the above application makes no mention of local economic gains, it is impossible to see what development upside exists for the local communities affected by this proposed project.

The description above lists a 197 acre property, however, a review of Unconventional Concept's website finds a description of their Lewis, NY site as 10 acres, with access to 4,000 more. Where are these additional 4,000 acres located? What is their purpose? The discrepancy between the application and the company's own description of its facility is very concerning.

Finally, the fact that the only project listed on the company web-site is the one under review should give regulators, and the public pause. It is difficult to imagine UCI, having made significant investment in the Lewis site, not seeking further projects and uses for its facility in the future. That the company's founder, Michael Hopmeier (who is strangely not pictured on his own firm's website) also specializes in chemical and biological weapons preparedness is concerning.

In short, there is no place for an out-of-state consulting firm to test fire military munitions in the Adirondack Park, only 13 miles from Elizabethtown and closer still to the thriving Hurricane Mt and Jay Mt wilderness, a beloved and heavily used year-round outdoor recreation site. The future of the Adirondacks lies in outdoor and environmental tourism and development, conservation and sustainable industry, not as a military testing ground for out-of-state consultants.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Briar james christian
Email from: Briar.christian@gmail.com
Address: 15 pinewood way Lewis Ny 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The problem is have with this project is the ballistic weapons are highly toxic to the environment, they effect trees, soil, and wildlife. I know this because I was active duty airforce for 8 years and safe guarded nuclear and ballistic weapons in montana. My fear is that they are going to pollute the surrounding area and I live relatively close and what's to say if they get there approval what's to stop them from going further and testing more dangerous things, also what happens with the unexsploded ordnance they can't find and a wildfire happens. I do not want this project in my community at all.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Brooke Davies
Email from: brookedavies7604@comcast.net
Address: 41 Woodys Road Newcomb Ny 12852
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As stated in the NY constitution, the Adirondack Park is intended to remain "forever wild." Understanding that this was intended to specifically protect state owned lands, it is an apt description for one of the most beautiful and untouched areas in the entire country. The permitting of a missile range is anathema to the park's original intent and, to be perfectly honest, an affront to those residents and visitors who come to the park to rejoice in silence and nature. The idea that the installation of a missile range would be considered reasonable by a landowner is an indication that the landowner has no regard whatsoever for the park itself or its residents and visitors.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Diane Dodd
Email from: rpcomments@apa.ny.gov
Address: 6916 New York 9N Westport StateNY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please turn this application down. It is very far from the mission priority's of the park.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: elisha bartlett
Email from: elisha.bartlett@gmail.com
Address: ny 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am not in support of opening another weapon testing site in the Adirondack State Park, and in such close proximity to many communities, especially after going to Raybrook to conduct normal business at the APA offices, and feeling like I needed to take cover when walking from the parking lot into the building. The noise of the testing will not have a positive physiological effect on anyone nearby, nor could it be good for any of the wildlife. We have not had weapons testing in the region since the 1980s for good reasons. There hasn't been a need. I am not convinced that there is any greater need to begin testing weapons, than when the testing grounds were shut down. Opening this site again will further open the door to other sites being opened, and the national depositing itself with an active war mentality when there is no threat of a war except for what the current leaders are trying to provoke. Please do not bend to the negative war mongering mentality.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Elizabeth Kocik
Email from: lizzikocik@gmail.com
Address: 105 Patricia Lane North Syracuse NY 13212
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am a resident of Liverpool, NY and write to express serious concern about the proposed facility by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) and associated training exercises in the Town of Lewis, NY. Specifically:

- UCI is planning a howitzer-firing range in the Adirondack Park, involving live projectiles into a sand pile with a mountain backstop.
- Separate private military-style exercises (under "Jaded Thunder") have already caused community disruption via low-flying aircraft and gunfire.

My concerns are:

1. The environmental risk to the Adirondacks: sensitive ecosystems, water, wildlife and wilderness character could be harmed by live-fire operations, noise, contamination, heavy infrastructure.
2. Impact on local residents and communities: frequent gunfire, aircraft, heavy operations threaten safety, peace, property value, quality of life.
3. Lack of transparency and appropriate oversight: a private military function operating in a conservation region demands full public review, rigorous environmental assessment, and community participation.

I respectfully request that your office:

- Suspend any further permits or approvals for UCI's project and require completion of a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with public comment.
- Require UCI and the landowner to disclose full details of project scope, safety plans, environmental mitigation, monitoring and remediation strategies.
- Hold a public hearing in or near the Town of Lewis so residents may be fully informed and participate.
- Ensure enforcement of all relevant laws (land-use, environmental, noise/vibration, wildlife protection) and establish ongoing monitoring and public reporting of any approvals given.

I appreciate your attention and ask you to keep me informed of your next steps, including whether a hearing will be

scheduled, what review is underway, and how residents may participate. I look forward to your response within 30 days.

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Comments from: Elizabeth Williams
Email from: emwilliams614@gmail.com
Address: 77 Alden Road Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As a resident of Westport, neighboring the town of Lewis, I am vehemently against this project. The Adirondack Park is a preserved space unique in its own right that allows wilderness and minutely impactful human development to coexist. A ballistic missile test site within ear shot of my home would directly impact not only my quality of life, but also the animals that we share this park with. This project goes directly against the Forever Wild soul of the Adirondack Park. I am urgently speaking up against this proposed land use. I am asking the Adirondack Park Agency to be an advocate for the Park to oppose this project and keep weapon testing sites out of Adirondack Park boundaries.

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Comments from: Ian Pratt
Email from: prattib5@gmail.com
Address: Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Thank you for the chance to submit comments to this planned weapons range testing.

I do not support this use of the park as this will be detrimental to the health of both the people and animals that live here.

Projects like this need to have stricter rules than any weekday between 10-4. I have read that howitzers sound like nothing else in the world and create a sonic boom. Will there be any test fires before agreeing to this?

According to google "Decibel levels: A 155mm howitzer can produce about 180 dB, while smaller versions like the 105mm can be around 171 dBA, that will be detrimental to our health.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ian Pratt

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Email from: bpmnstd@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Adirondack Park is no place to be testing weapons, firing howitzers, nor conducting military exercises for that matter. It's a park. The idea alone is disrespectful of the people who live and visit there, and of course the wildlife too.

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Comments from: Jeremiah Clowdus
Email from: Jeremiah.clowdus@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Lets not add any unnecessary noise that would further prevent residents and visitors from enjoying the sounds of nature.

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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I believe this is a poor use of land in the Adirondack Park. There are already existing test ranges that can support this activity in the vicinity of Watertown on the Fort Drum reservation, which is designed to handle testing of artillery, cannons in a much safer, extended area of land, dedicated to this purpose. Quality of life has already been diminished in the Lewis area by the attempted installation of dump handling medical waste from New York City. This was stopped by Governor Pataki. Additionally, windmills have been installed north of the Adirondacks presumably to generate electricity at a non-economic cost, yet the quality of life for residents there has also been diminished by the constant noise of the windmill farms--no resident was ever asked if they wanted windmills on their doorsteps, generating noise night and day. I think this is a very poor use of Adirondack land when there are better alternatives.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kathryn F Scott
Email from: scottk@westelcom.com
Address: 434 Hyde Road Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live in the town of Lewis and I agree with the majority of fellow citizens who voiced their disapproval of allowing this proposed project to continue. The main priority of the Adirondack Agency should be to protect and preserve the natural habitats and beauty within its borders. By allowing this project to continue, it will interrupt the natural tranquility of the area and destroy the breeding homes of many of the animals which call the park home. I also am concerned about the ability of Mr. Hopmeier to be truthful to the public. In his presentation, he stated that the helicopters who flew over Lewis in 'Jaded Thunder' did not fly after 10:00pm. I spoke with two Lewis residents who stated there were helicopters flying over their homes at 3:00 am.

I truly hope and expect the APA to do what their primary mission is - to protect the unique natural, scenic, and ecological resources of the park.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Linda Burns
Email from: Lindaq04@yahoo.com
Address: 5 Pitcairn Path Harrisville NY 13648
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This type of project must not be allowed within the Adirondack Park. Individuals must apply for any structural changes to their homes and in an arduous process. Lately the APA seems to bend the rules for businesses and obviously monetary gain.

The majority of us live here for the quiet, nature, clean air and water. Proposed testing is currently 30 times per year. You know this amount will certainly be expanded. This project does not belong in the Adirondacks.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Margaret Kennedy
Email from: msk531@gmail.com
Address: 77 Tiroga Beach Lane Ticonderoga NY 12883
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Our family also owns property at 1094 Rte 28, Old Forge, NY.
The noise level of a howitzer is between 173-180 decibels. At 500 ft The noise level drops to 150 decibels. This noise level is terrible. The sudden, abrupt noise is also a major concern to anything or anyone that lives in the area. The whole concept of a howitzer firing range is ludicrous for the Adirondacks Please do not allow this application to proceed.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Margaret M Hartmann
Email from: defrazzleheim2@gmail.com
Address: 122 Moose Pond Lane BLOOMINGDALE NY 12913
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Why was the project moved from Ft Drum to Lewis.

I am leary that if this sort of use is allowed, it may be a precursor to the destruction of the Adirondack Park. The Park was created in 1892 and protected as Forever Wild later. Although this project is privately owned, it does not seem to fit in with the goal of public enjoyment. I am afraid if this is approved, other projects may be approved negatively affecting the forests and waters. The Park's ecology and wilderness must be safeguarded for the future. Shooting off howitzers, no matter how often, is not exactly what was intended by it's creators. I am truly worried that approving this project may be the start of a domino affect. People and government must not be allowed to destroy it.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Melissa Otis
Email from: motis1031@protonmail.com
Address: Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am totally against the use of this Lewis property as a huge weapons testing field. It totally goes against the idea of 'forever wild' and is a health issue for my neighbors in Lewis. I suspect we in Westport would even be mildly affected as would other nearby towns.
Please do your duty and vote NO to this absurd idea.

From: Nate Trachte <nate.trachte@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2025 10:24 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Comments on APA Project ID: 2021-0276

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Submitted by Nate Trachte, nate.trachte@gmail.com

As a result of the public input form not working I am submitting my comments on APA Project ID: 2021-0276 in this email.

As a matter of principle I do not believe the APA should support the proliferation of weapons. Approving private projects that seek to extract profits from the development of ever more successful killing technologies is not in the best interest of the people. Not to mention the impacts of increased industry, sound pollution, etc to the adjacent wild forest lands and all beings who call that land home. Thank you for your discernment in this matter.

Thanks,
Nate

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Pamela Williams
Email from: pcrowny@yahoo.com
Address: 9661 us RT 9 Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I think it's a great thing that Mr. Hopmeier is doing these trainings.
I live extremely close and have never been bothered by Any of the noise and I really enjoyed watching the helicopters Fly over at night. Very interesting and exciting!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Richard Cusumano
Email from: rcusumano@frontiernet.net
Address: 235 Cassidy Rd Keeseville NY 12944
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The Adirondack Park is no place to use for testing of military ordinance, there are plenty of military bases to use for this purpose. This is especially true with the town of Lewis being so close to the proposed testing area. I encourage you to deny this permit.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Sean Egan
Email from: eganscbr1000@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I've been thinking of visiting the Adirondacks soon (again) soon. But having a firing range in the area makes me rethink this. Who wants to to be near this?

Regards,
Sean Egan

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tegan Mansouri
Email from: teganmansouri@gmail.com
Address: 291 SUMMIT AVE Buffalo NY 14214
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I strongly oppose this proposed weapon testing in Essex county

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Timothy Mount
Email from: timmount@hotmail.com
Address: 122 LOBDELL LN Elizabethtown NY 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Totally opposed to weapons testing in Lewis. They should not do this where people live. This is merely for the convenience of Hopemeier's company.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tris Lead
Email from: trislead@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Why on earth would this be acceptable in this area? There is no reason to have such activity in a place where humans and animals are trying to live peacefully. There are so many places in this country where there are miles and miles of uninhabited space where something like this would not affect others.

If he were intending a business that would directly pollute the water or air of the surrounding neighborhood, would that be allowed? Noise pollution is just as affecting as water or air pollution.

This smacks of the Daniel Banyai case in Vermont and is kind of creepy. Please do not set a precedent here and allow this person to profit at the expense of his neighbors.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tyler Barton
Email from: tylerstevenbarton@gmail.com
Address: 230 PARK AVE Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Weapons testing should happen anywhere. Especially not the forever wild Adirondack park. Don't make everyone sick with this blatant disrespect for life, peace, and nature.

I can't believe this even needs to be said.

Tyler Barton
Saranac Lake NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: William Dodd
Email from: wdodd@westelcom.com
Address: 6916 NYS RTE 9N Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

12993

I am against the testing of military hardware inside the Adirondack Park. Please deny the application.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: William M Wemyss
Email from: mastercutlet@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

100 percent for this. It's thirty times a year. The probable training and research benefits outweigh noise on weekday.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bailey Cunha-Bustamante
Email from: bbcunhab@syr.edu
Address: NY 13210
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There are numerous species in the Adirondacks that cannot be found anywhere else on Earth who would all be put at risk with a project like this. Not only that, but ADK is one of the last truly peaceful regions of nature and explosions during the week would ruin this.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Caitlin Vetere
Email from: cvetere05@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I urge the APA to reject this application. Testing cannons in the peaceful refuge that is the Adirondack park will be a nuisance for the local residents and the animals that call the park home.
Mr. Hopmeier's current paramilitary cosplay operation is already causing headaches for the surrounding community. It is truly heinous that something like this is allowed within the confines of the state park. Allowing further disruption with the proposed ballistics testing range would be absolutely disastrous for Mr. Hopmeier's neighbors. It is a shame he never truly intended to be a member of the Adirondack community, and does not appreciate the area for all it has to offer, only seeing it as a playground to test his toys, with no regard for those around him or the natural beauty and quietude of the region.
Neighbors have already reported his existing operation, citing the noise and fear it caused them to have a paramilitary operation running nearby.
I again urge the Adirondack Park Agency to reject this application for the good of the community and the park as a whole.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Chris Sarkis
Email from: csarkis.sarkis7@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My main concerns with this proposal are waste management, purpose of testing, and noise pollution.

How does the facility plan to locate these steel projectiles after being fired and prevent them from adding to the assorted rusty metals collection found in many of our wooded areas?

How loud is the firing of the Howitzer? 30 times per year seems manageable to a certain degree of volume. Is there any data showing how far the sound would travel? I don't want to hear a bone-shattering explosive sound from anywhere in the park and neither do the wildlife which will certainly be affected if the noise is too great..

What are these cannon barrels being tested FOR? I don't want cannons being shipped off to Israel for mass genocide being tested down the road. Pick land that isn't designated "forever wild" for testing weapons of mass destruction.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Denise Bassett
Email from: denise.bassett@aol.com
Address: 116 cutting rd ILewis ny 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

this is in regard to the ballistics testing in Lewis, NY. I strongly object due to safety concerns and how loud and disruptive this is going to be. The helicopters were bad enough. I went to the meeting in Lewis with Michael H. He said he would not discuss APA but did say 90% of what was on their website was false. He did a lot of double talking and sidestepping. When asked if Lewis was being compensated, he said we do a lot for the community???. He said you can always contact me with concerns. I asked how to contact him and he said thru Jim Monty, town supervisor. He said all military including overseas use this site. Who gave them permission to do all this? Is it safe, secure and how loud is this going to be 30 times a year. Is this government owned and what is unconventional concepts authority? Are there permits involved?

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Eileen Coffey
Email from: Ercoffey0798@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not allow testing of howitzers near the Jay Wilderness. This is inconsistent with taking good care of our wilderness areas. It could also create a path for more of this kind of testing. The Adirondacks and those who live near them need to be protected.

Thank you

From: James BClutch <jammms007@gmail.com>
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Hi, I vote no. This project is not suitable for the Adirondack park. Im worried about pollution from this activity, noise pollution, and safety of residents here in the park. I'm worried that once the rabbit is out of the box, it won't be able to be put back in. This year is 30 times, but would next year be 60 times? Who is going to count and what will happen if the number is exceeded? Will they start firing other types of artillery? Will they eventually start doing tests at night? Will there be a large stockpile of military weapons? There was just a military weapons manufacturing plant in Tennessee that just killed 19 people and completely leveled the whole facility. Accidents happen with this stuff and I don't want those accidents to happen here.

James Bruschi
Saranac Lake, NY

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Comments from: Janine Connell
Email from: Janine.connell@gmail.com
Address: 10 Church Lane High Falls NY 12440
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The Adirondack Park is one of the most special places on the East Coast, largely because it is so quiet. Please don't allow this. What will come next? I've read that Mr Hopmeier is also engaging in low flying helicopter military training exercises. He seems very tenacious. This will not stop. First it is firing a howitzer assembly 30 times a year. Next he adds a full blown range. Folks move to the Adirondacks for nature and quiet. Not for munition ranges. And why doesn't he do this in Florida? Where he is from?

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Katie Smith
Email from: sockmonkeys21@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposal is absolutely sickening. That anyone would think the testing of weapons designed to kill in a place dedicated to the preserving life and the natural world is beyond me. There is no place for profiting off of killing our fellow humans anywhere, but especially not here in the Adirondacks.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 9:44 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: kellygirl23@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kelly Kirtland
Email from: kellygirl23@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The Adirondacks are a national park that is frequently used by hikers, campers, and children. Active firearms presents a danger to inexperienced hikers, introduces sound pollution, and destroys the peace and tranquility that we love. It's likely to impact tourism, the primary driver of the economy in the area.

I oppose this plan.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 10:39 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Lance.e.eaton@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lance Eaton
Email from: Lance.e.eaton@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The APA should NOT allow this weapon testing not only due to the immediate impacts of said testing but the precedent it sets going forward.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 8:56 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mark Brand
Email from: adkfancy@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to this proposed cannon testing range. Private or paramilitary training using artillery under the pretext of cannon testing has absolutely no place in the adirondack park. I grew up next to Fort Drum and know what it is like to be exposed to artillery and other types of military training activity. Testing artillery for training purposes should be restricted to Department of Defenses facilities built specifically for that purpose.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: mkortepete@aol.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mark Kortepeter
Email from: mkortepete@aol.com
Address: Jay NY
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am all for allowing individuals the freedom to conduct activities on their private property - as long it doesn't infringe on the rights of others. One of the reasons I have considered the Adirondacks home for over 50 years is the peace and quiet. During any hour of the day, except for the occasional dog barking or car/plane, all I hear is nature. When I venture into the back country, even those human-made sounds disappear. I am a 27-year Army veteran and I know what a Howitzer sounds like, and I live just over the mountain from this area. Having a live-fire range for such a loud ordnance goes beyond personal property use and will create noise pollution for miles around - infringing on neighboring homes and infiltrating the surrounding wilderness. If the testing is of such important value to the military, there are already live fire ranges at military bases (Fort Drum, Bragg, Pendleton, desert test centers) that could be leveraged that have not been set aside as forest preserves. If there is a purported aspect here to somehow boost the local economy, how does disturbing one of the great draws of the Adirondack Park for tourists and locals (silence) help that in the long run?

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Matthew Keating
Email from: keating.matthew52@gmail.com
Address: 36 William St. Apt. 4 Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have lived in the Adirondacks since I was 3. This proposal nauseates me. The Adirondack Park is a part of the world devoted to the conservation of natural life. The testing and development of tools used for killing has no place here (or anywhere else). This is a disgusting affront to what the park stands for, a vain, cynical, antihuman and entirely unwated intrusion. Matthew Keating, Saranac Lake, NY

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Megan Wellford
Email from: megan.wellford@gmail.com
Address: 10875 NYS Route 9N, PO Box 64 Keene NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am vehemently against this project. It contradicts the mission of the Adirondack Park to stay Forever Wild. It also makes for noise and community relations that will be challenging to enforce. If Mr. Hopmeier and his associates use the facility at hours that are not in the application, it is difficult for our law enforcement officers to insist on adherence to the details of the application. There is also a high risk of injury at this site, which could tax our small rural hospitals. Lastly, this proposal perpetuates the militaristic mindset plaguing our country at this moment in history. It will not benefit the local area and will only serve to make it noisier and more dangerous.

This site/Mr. Hopmeier has already proved problematic in September 2025 when they hosted Black Hawk helicopters that made the entire area feel as if it was under attack.

I implore the APA to reject this application.

From: megan zl <brandnewbutused@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 12:36 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Hello, I am sending my comment via email because I received a "403 Forbidden" error when using the public input page.

I respectfully urge the APA to deny Mr. Hopmeier's proposal as it is explicitly counter to the sanctity of and sanctuary that is the Adirondack Park. Weapons testing is in direct opposition to the Park's founding ethos and legacy of stewardship. Aside from potential disruption to the Lewis community—of which I, my husband, and our 17-month-old son are year-round residents—there is nothing about private militaristic weapons testing that is “Forever Wild.”

Allowing this proposal to pass would set a harmful precedent for the Park, with ripple effects across New York State and other protected lands throughout the country. Is that the message we want to send? That we are willing to accept undue risks of environmental damage, wildfires, and disruption to wildlife, while sacrificing the peace and safety of the families who live in and visit this region precisely for its pristine, tranquil nature?

Hopmeier has compared the potential disruption to logging and hunting. But the region's selective logging operations and hunting season—both of which are highly regulated and trace back to the area's indigenous groups as a way to sustain life—cannot compare to episodic, high-intensity artillery testing and low-altitude military flights that would fundamentally alter the natural soundscape, community character, and rural use values of our area.

Thank you for your consideration and for upholding the purpose of the Adirondack Park: a refuge for people and wildlife, now and in the future.

Megan Zaun Lokos
455 Hurley Rd
Lewis, NY 12993

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: melindasbeuf@yahoo.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Melinda Beuf
Email from: melindasbeuf@yahoo.com
Address: Au Sable Forks 12912
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project should not be allowed in the Adirondack Park. These types of uses should be limited to US bases not over private land and public parks. The war games the applicant recently conducted without any public notice were frightening and incredibly intrusive. They were loud and threatening. They encompassed far more than his property. This proposed use is outrageous as it impacts everyone within miles of this property not just the town of Lewis. Do not permit it.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Meredith Hanson
Email from: Meredithh@mac.com
Address: Lake Placid NY 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

"Forever wild" is incompatible with weapons testing. These are louder than jet engines and will undoubtedly disturb residents, as well as recreational users nearby. No one comes to the Adirondacks to be traumatized like this, and the neighbors deserve their peace and quiet.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Michael
Email from: mikeleyden@hotmail.com
Address: Bristol VT
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Greetings: my public comment on project 2021-0276 is as follows: I strongly oppose the project given its obvious negative impacts to both wildlife and human recreation. While the 197 parcel is a private landholding, the impacts from the planned firings will far exceed that immediate geographic area. This feels like a violation of the spirit of the Park and by extension, the reasons why the APA exists. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Nikki Eaton
Email from: Nikkilepone@gmail.com
Address: Saranac NY
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The APA should not allow this. The Adirondacks are a place of peace and beauty. We are given restrictions on house heights, lights allowed, etc. as to not distract from the nature and beauty. We can't have explosions now - allowing the total opposite. People come here from across the world to experience the beauty - nothing is beautiful about war. When I'm relaxing in my back yard or on a hike I shouldn't hear military weapons. It's not safe and it's not beautiful. It's not good for the people or the animals. I just bought property to build on and I'm now reconsidering building due to this. Please don't allow this on our beautiful land. Thank you

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Paul Kortepeter
Email from: pkortepe@yahoo.com
Address: 7968 Hoover Lane Indianapolis IN 46260
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposal to create a weapons range within the Adirondack Park is at odds with the foundational idea of "forever wild." I am an annual visitor of the Elizabethtown/Lewis, Jay and Wilmington areas. I know that loud reports can cause wildlife to scatter. Loud sounds are particularly hazardous to birds who might blindly and fatally fly into trees and other objects. I come to the mountains for rest and repose. This idea is better for an area not set aside as a natural preserve.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: R Stephen Whiting
Email from: Busdriverdad@gmail.com
Address: 2586 NY 8 Lake Pleasant New York 12108
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am AGAINST allowing this testing in the proposed area. This testing should be done in an uninhabited area, not a beautiful, peaceful rural area which is full of wildlife. There is no reason to frighten or harm the abundant natural wildlife and ruin the solitude of the most beautiful place on earth. This testing should occur in remote desert areas, where the sound will not echo and reverberate, which only compounds the volume and severity of the nuisance. I am surprised the APA would ever entertain this destructive idea. NO testing cannons in Essex County!

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Serena Baskin
Email from: serenabaskin@hotmail.com
Address: 66 Glen Rd Jay NY
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The Adirondacks is a site of ecotourism because it is a place to hike, swim and boat in a beautiful, peaceful setting. Bringing in loud military weapons will disrupt this setting and cause a decline in the ecotourism industry. As a homeowner and landlord, I also feel that this loud business infringes on my personal and property rights. There are existing military bases near by in Plattsburg. Let them go there rather than disturb the peace of the high peaks region.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Susan Thomas
Email from: susanlavignethomas@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Weapons testing does not belong in the Adirondack Park. This unique and contiguous tract of conservation land is vital to our health, the health of our planet and of all the residents of the Park. The noise and destruction of repeated testing is destructive, potentially hazardous and inappropriate for this place.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Victoria O'Brien
Email from: vobrienwork@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this proposal. A baseline for said opposition is the extent of pollution and environmental damage that may be reaped as a result of testing howitzer artillery in a region with abundant ecological diversity, water bodies, and unbroken deciduous forest. Howitzer weapons are known to produce pollutants via airborne particulate matter, chemical, and metal residues. When these pollutants interact with the water and soil, which would inevitably occur if the weapons testing proposal was accepted, said water and soil becomes contaminated - depleting the health of the entire ecosystem, both flora and fauna. The Adirondack Park in its 6.1 million acres is a model for conservation, beyond New York State itself. Allowing for such a proposal to be accepted is to diminish that value on a level that completely disregards the stewardship maintained on the land for hundreds of years.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Zahra Perkins
Email from: zamon2003@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There is no community benefit to letting this project go through.

From: Bates, Angela (APA)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:19 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: AldingerIII, Frederick W (APA); Burth, John M (APA); Petith, Stephanie L (APA)
Subject: FW: Correspondence [Ragan, Andy and Erica] #1384637P

Please add this additional public comment to the record.

From: Kelsey Barrett <Kelsey_Barrett/NYEC@chamber.state.ny.us>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 10:43 AM
To: Bates, Angela (APA) <Angela.Bates@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Correspondence [Ragan, Andy and Erica] #1384637P

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Fairport, New York 14450
Phone 5854300226
ekragan@gmail.com
County _Other New York
Addressed to: Governor

Email Subject: Urgent attention to APA petition by Oct 30. Private business testing howitzer cannon in Town of Lewis NY

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Honorable Governor Hochul,

You have done such a wonderful job with creating trails, protecting natural beauty in New York State! Please attend to this "sleepy" petition before the APA where a private citizen, a businessman with offices in FL and VA, recently co-opted with Ft. Drum in a disturbing helicopter exercise over public space. He is petitioning to test howitzer cannons, totally against the Forever Wild mandate for the Adirondacks and APA. It is not the first time he has petitioned for this. Public comment is only open until October 30.

On his business website he indicates use of drones as well as offering 4000 extra acres to test weapons for potential clients beyond the 197 acres that he owns.

Beyond the information in the link below, after the close of public comments, the APA is due to have a vote at their November meeting.

Thank you for your expedient attention to this matter.

Erica and Andy Ragan

(Also of Jay, NY)

https://jaynews.org/adirondack-council-calls-for-hearing-on-cannon-testing-project/?awt_a=.4oP&awt_l=sTr6&awt_m=gkL6euehs4eq0oP

From: Ashley Barber <dog12950@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:36 PM
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My name is Ashley Barber I live near this area pretty Close I do have issues pertaining to this request I have a child who has high anxiety and has severe panic attacks over loud noises fireworks and thunder and guns he is 15 and was severely abused until I received full sole custody at age 3 he has got slightly better but will always have ptsd over his past he is disabled with a rare disease ehlers danlos which he doesn't have much collagen the glue that holds a persons body together with this his ear passage and inner ears are weaker and thinned than a normal persons meaning this level of noise is and will do a lot of damage to this kid mentally and physically I have pets cats and Newfoundlands two of them and my child has several pet chickens he is different he is in 9th grade and has a hard time making friends so the dogs and chickens replace what he lacks from friendships he has bladder and intestinal issues he still wears a diaper at 15 So you can imagine what this disease disrupts in his life but his chickens and dogs are his world he has a tricycle adult sized with a basket on the back he rides up and down the road with 2-3-4 chickens in the basket the noise level could harm all his pet friends this is not a tiny gun it is a device that makes a extremely very loud noise deafening and pet temperament changes from fear and hearing loss unexpected heart failure from a unexpected noise at this level this could severely damage my animals pets and my child in ways that are too difficult to explain the wild life this will be damaging to them we have moose not far in our back yard this will drive them away same as the deer and other creatures it's not like I live miles away where noise levels will be lower I live right here very close to all of this there is proper places to test this level of weapons and it's not military training it's a private gentleman from out of state there is no military involved I listened to a conversation no names given by a few men stating on this proposal to the apa and when it goes his way he will have won the apa over pretty sad he gets permissions the next guy in line sends a proposal and our quiet peaceful nature loving ways becomes another fort drum or whatever the apa had restrictions specific for the cell tower placements and what they looked like but now the apa is allowing wooded area to be cut and upgraded to set of testing of this magnitude of weapons I have lived here 29 years in Lewis I bought my home 4 years ago I love the wildlife the peace I raised two kids now 29 and 26 and adopted a little dude 12 years ago this is a dream place to raise kids to love and respect the forests and waterways and be local amongst a smaller quiet town this purposal is an uproar and seems unsafe by a common resident wanting bragging rights for stupidity and lies he can go to a established place that is set up for and already does weapons testing the helicopters hovering over my rooftop for two weeks at ten eleven at night on a school and work night I have video of them this was enough from this gentleman since it was based off lies he was not supposed to be near any civilized homes and 7 was supposed to be the end time he lied he hovered over my home after 10pm near 11 two at a clip so if he lied on this what is he lying over for the weapons testing this isn't fair to this community especially the ones right by this area please do not give this purposal permission we have too many veterans in our area same as my child ptsd on their pasts this isn't right or fair to families or pets or farm animals or veterans or the elderly the handicapped who don't understand or nature or our wildlife we love to watch and observe what will this do to our homes and foundations and windows from the noise level reprecusiions and vibrations how will this affect our water sources and wells from the vibrations in a whole what is the severity and backlash going to be in the end for everything and everyone in the immediate area this is crazy to give permission to a man so he can claim he beat the apa through loops of lies he tells because he has money I don't even understand why I am writing this his money will allow him to be able to do as he pleases and no one will stop him this is my concerns and my reasons on why I do not want this to be accepted or to move forward and yes I was raised on a base and I wouldn't ever move near one again so why do I want one to move near me I was a homeowner here before he chose to come to a area wanting to play private war

games and disrupt everything good with bad things !!
Sent from my iPhone

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bonita Gibb
Email from: bgibb128@gmail.com
Address: 406 Filburn Rd Richfld Spgs NY 13439
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Military use lands are assigned for this purpose, but public or private lands.
Too much of NY state land is misused by out of state contractors already.
This project is wrong for NY.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: carrie.stoffel@yahoo.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Carrie Stoffel
Email from: carrie.stoffel@yahoo.com
Address: 36 Walnut Ave MASSENA NY 13662
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I object to this testing. It will disturb local wildlife therefore ruining the habitat.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Claudia Nesbitt
Email from: seamster12@aol.com
Address: 6202 AIRPORT RD Oriskany NY 13424
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against this project. The impact this could have on our land, people and wildlife would be immeasurable if we start down this path.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Deborah Bowersock
Email from: debbyb311@aol.com
Address: 2202 SE Walton Lakes Drive Port St. Lucie FL 34952
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Absolutely NOT!!! There is no reason or does this go with shooting ordnates over Interstates??? The whole missile silo issue was long ago closed.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Doug Furman
Email from: dougfur2@gmail.com
Address: Lewis NY
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I believe it would be a mistake to allow this kind of commercial activity within the Adirondack Park. As a resident of the town of Lewis, I have my own concerns about the impact on residents, visitors, wildlife and the local economy. However, I also think the permit needs to be evaluated as it pertains to the Park as a whole. The whole point of the Adirondack Park is that it is a special place, with special limitations on human activity and its impact on the character and health of the region. Loud and disruptive testing of military cannons is just not in keeping with the unique character of the Adirondacks, which requires us to place limitations on ourselves, in order to protect. I think this permit should be denied. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Fred Hooper
Email from: hoopkcs@yahoo.com
Address: 490 Roscoe Road Elizabethtown NY 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As someone who's lived here for seventy years, I can tell you this proposal doesn't belong in our community. A 155mm howitzer can hit noise levels over 150 decibels—far beyond what's reasonable for a rural, residential area. Even miles away, that kind of sound carries, and it would disrupt both neighbours and wildlife. The site itself is only about 197 acres, which isn't nearly large enough to safely contain that type of testing. There's real risk of projectiles going beyond the range.

Beyond the safety and noise, the environmental impact worries me deeply. Metal fragments and dust could end up in the soil and waterways, and we're in a part of the Adirondack Park with protected habitats that should stay undisturbed. There's also real, measurable evidence that noise at these levels harms wildlife — according to the National Park Service, even modest increases of just 3-10 decibels shrink the "listening area" animals rely on to communicate, forage, and detect predators. The Environmental Protection Agency notes that mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians each have different hearing sensitivities—meaning the damage zone from high-decibel noise expands well beyond the test site, affecting multiple species across a wide area.

Here in the Adirondacks there are species already under threat: for example the Spruce Grouse, whose habitat has shrunk drastically in this region. The Peregrine Falcon is legally protected in New York State and nests on cliffs in the region — human disturbance can cause nest abandonment. The Common Loon relies on quiet lakes with minimal noise pollution and is listed as a species of special concern here. Additional animals include the Bicknell's Thrush, the Wood Turtle and the Spotted Turtle. Introducing artillery-level noise and operation into their territory would only add to their stress and risk.

The land here is zoned "Rural Use" under Adirondack Park Agency rules, which are meant to keep this area quiet and low-intensity—homes, small farms, and outdoor recreation. Weapons testing is the exact opposite of that intent. It would bring industrial noise, heavy truck traffic, and safety hazards that don't fit the character of this region. It could also hurt property values and drive away the visitors our local economy depends on. Allowing this would set

a troubling precedent for more industrial or defence-related projects in areas the APA was created to protect.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Glenna Roach
Email from: Glenna.roach@gmail.com
Address: 151 Hill St Troy Ny
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I utilize the adirondack park regularly as NYS resident and absolutely oppose allow companies to test military contracted equipment.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:50 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Jakebenhooper@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jake Hooper
Email from: Jakebenhooper@gmail.com
Address: 155 Denton Road Elizabethtown New York 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

To the Adirondack Park Agency,

I believe the project proposed by Michael Hopmeier will negatively impact both public and private lands. I live nearby the Jay Mountain wilderness, and have already noticed the impacts of this military operation. The current issues relate to low-flying helicopters late in the evening, and I believe more issues would arise with the testing of weapons of war.

The Adirondack park was protected for its natural beauty and peacefulness. Both of which would be affected by this proposal. I believe there are many unprotected lands, the vast majority of this earth, that would make more suitable test sites for weapons of war.

Jake Hooper

From: Jane Boxall <janevboxall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:11 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Frederick,

I am writing to express concerns regarding Michael Hopmeier's application for a permit to install a weapons range on a site off Hale Hill Road in Lewis (APA Project No 2021-0276).

I am a permanent, year-round resident of north Lewis, and a property owner within earshot of Hale Hill Road. I am also a paramedic working on the Elizabethtown-Lewis Emergency Squad 911 ambulances. I think it would be a detriment to our town of Lewis if the proposed range was allowed to go ahead.

Obviously, the noise of such a project would disturb the peace of neighbors and visitors to the area. Lewis is home to many retired people who are at home during the day, children, and people who have experienced war zones themselves. Unlike other noisy activities - such as logging, mining, hunting, and transportation - it does not seem that a howitzer firing range would bring any direct benefit, employment, or revenue to the people of Lewis. Mr. Hopmeier's company, Unconventional Concepts Inc., is headquartered in Florida and is not engaging in an activity or business that is specific and intrinsic to the Adirondack Park.

Testing of these weapons could (and, I believe, should) be done elsewhere - in a location where there are fewer neighbors and where the firing would not have the same impact on the protected wild environment. Zhu et al (2024) indicate that such firing ranges cause "higher levels of soil toxicity, which, to a certain extent, will lead to a decrease in the growth rate and level of plant growth, a decrease in the abundance of microbial communities, and an impediment to the cycling of soil nutrients, etc." Additionally, as a member of the local emergency squad, I have concerns about there being a new firing range in town and its potential for serious accident and injury.

Further, I feel the recent experience with "war games" conducted around Unconventional Concepts this year has eroded trust that the company will communicate the times and limits of activities it plans, and then abide by those limits. Lewis residents were given short notice of the "war games" exercises; we were told that helicopters would not fly over residential areas, and that activities and noise would be limited to specific hours. I was one of several local residents who lost sleep late at night (when I had work early the next morning), because Blackhawk helicopters were flying low over my home. I work in some environments further afield with helicopters and drones overhead - this work is stressful, but I can certainly tolerate the presence and noise of aircraft. However, I do not feel I should have to tolerate this unexpectedly, when I am at home in the Adirondack Park.

If given permission by the APA to operate a weapons range, I cannot trust that the company would respect limits on noise, hours of operation, and disruption to their neighbors in Lewis. Although we live dispersed in the woods and hills, north Lewis is a residential area. Many of us choose to live in this area because we value the quiet nights, the dark skies, and the opportunity to sleep through the night before working in (sometimes physically and mentally demanding) jobs that aim to serve the community.

Unconventional Concepts is not serving the Lewis community with this proposed project. They are not a government or US military entity; they are a private for-profit enterprise with a business model that has potential to greatly harm the local environment. My understanding is that Unconventional Concepts has had some US military contracts in the past; however, they also sell their services as a testing site to non-military organizations and private entities. We cannot know who would be testing weapons at Unconventional Concepts in the future, and how and where those weapons and technologies may be deployed. If the proposed project were to be allowed to go ahead, private organizations that are very much "on the wrong side of history" could be operating in Lewis - offering no protection or benefit to North Country residents, while putting us in danger and impacting our quality of life.

I respectfully request that the APA does not allow this project to go ahead in Lewis, and instead prioritizes local people

over (private) profit.

With best wishes, and thanks for your time,

Jane Boxall

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Reference: Zhu, Yining, et al. "Contamination and remediation of contaminated firing ranges—an overview." *Frontiers in Environmental Science* 12 (2024): 1352603.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Karen Hooper
Email from: Karenmhooper@yahoo.com
Address: 490 Roscoe Road Elizabethtown NY 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The proposed 155mm howitzer testing site raises multiple concerns. Noise levels can exceed 150 dB, disturbing nearby residents and wildlife. The 197-acre site offers limited safety containment, increasing the risk of ricochet or overshoot beyond the range. Metal debris and dust could contaminate soil and waterways, threatening protected habitats in the Adirondacks. The land is zoned "Rural Use" under APA regulations, which prioritize low-intensity residential, agricultural, and recreational purposes—activities meant to preserve the natural character and quiet enjoyment of the region. Weapons testing contradicts this intent by introducing industrial noise, pollution, and safety hazards. It may also reduce nearby property values, deter tourism, and strain local roads with heavy-vehicle traffic. Approving it could set a precedent for future industrial or defense uses in areas meant for conservation and limited development.

From: [Katharine Preston](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
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This is a state park, with "forever wild" lands. Not only will local people neighbors be affected by noise, but the wildlife neighbors will be as well. This is an outrageous proposal that should be denied.

Katharine

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kelly DeFrancesco
Email from: kdf91024@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am totally against this testing to be done within the Adirondack Park. I am concerned about the effects on the wildlife. I'm also concerned about the materials that will be shot into the ground. Will they contaminate the ground in that area? Will those contaminants possibly contaminate ground water? And why not test in Florida? Was he denied a permit to do so there? If so, what were the reasons for the denial? So many questions and concerns. My vote is to deny this request and leave the Park alone!

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Noreen Potvin
Email from: jada082@verizon.net
Address: 21 Twicwood Ln Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

If the APA makes you grow only vegetation that is in your area. Otherwise you would be cited, why would you allow military weapons to be tested in the Park. Please let them test at a authorized military installation.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Audic Rebekah
Email from: rebekahaudic@gmail.com
Address: 200 Shawangunk Rd Cold Brook NY 13324
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am vehemently opposed. This will not only be a disturbance to people who live here and visitors in the park, but to the animals that inhabit the park. They deserve a say in this matter so I am speaking for them. No weapons testing!
Rebekah Audic

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tracy Greene
Email from: tracyg80@gmail.com
Address: 65 Church St Nassau NY 12123
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The Adirondack park needs to remain wild and a refuge for wildlife and recreational pursuits. It should not have its peace shattered by the firing of large caliber weapons. It seems that it is a a bad choice to allow this. It starts here and then it's leveraged for more tests, larger artillery, and on it would go. Trump is already attacking our national parks and federally protected lands. We cannot permit the erosion of environmental protections in NY.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: William Munze
Email from: bmunze@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I urge the APA to oppose this proposal. The impacts of the extreme noise on wildlife will be severe. ADK should be "forever wild," not a testing range for an out of state contractor who could just as easily conduct such tests in their home state of Florida. Let them screw up their own environment, don't let them destroy New York's gem.

From: Adam Dergosits <adamdergosits@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 11:18 PM
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Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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While I fully understand and certainly appreciate the desire of any property owner to make personal use of their land as they see fit, this proposal raises serious concerns that extend far beyond Mr. Hopmeier's individual property. Approving this application would set a dangerous precedent—one that could fundamentally alter what it means to live in, visit, and protect the Adirondacks.

Allowing a private ballistics testing facility to be established within the Park would open the door to a wide variety of potentially hazardous and exploitative activities that threaten to erode the rural character, scenic beauty, and peacefulness that define the region. Tranquility and the ability to escape the anxiety of "modern civilization" are intrinsic qualities inherent to the Adirondack Park—qualities that have attracted residents and visitors for generations. Mr. Hopmeier's proposal has significant potential to adversely impact these qualities and potentially deter future generations from enjoying the wealth of opportunities that exist as a result.

The establishment of what would effectively be a private military installation that would operate with limited oversight, would severely undermine the sense of calm, security, and connection to nature that the Park provides. Moreover, the ecological consequences of such activity cannot be ignored. The repeated discharge of high-powered weapons into a mountainside, along with other military activities, would undoubtedly cause substantial disruption to wildlife, ecological habitats, and the natural soundscape that the Park is intended to preserve. Additionally, the potential contamination of the soil and water that sustain life throughout the Park must be considered. These impacts would extend to surrounding properties and nearby communities, and would substantially detract from that which makes the Adirondack Park so special.

It appears clear that this application is incompatible with the character and values of the area in which it is proposed. As such, I strongly oppose this proposal and urge the Adirondack Park Agency to deny Project #2021-0276. Doing so would not only uphold the legal responsibilities of the Agency but also honor its ethical commitment to protect the Adirondack Park by ensuring that private development remains consistent with the public interest and the enduring character of the Park for current and future generations.

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I strongly oppose this proposal based on the belief that it is wholly incompatible with the rural, residential, and scenic character of the Adirondacks and would result in an undue adverse impact on the Park's natural, aesthetic, and ecological resources. The proposed activities pose a high likelihood of undue adverse ecological impact. The cumulative effects of such use—particularly with limited oversight or precedent—would be contrary to the Agency's mandate to protect the Park's unique environmental resources for the benefit of current and future generations. For these reasons, I strongly urge the Adirondack Park Agency to deny Project #2021-0276 and thereby uphold the values of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Adele Vandenburg
Email from: sailworld@aol.com
Address: Piercefield NY
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I do not understand how the APA could approve this kind of activity inside the Adirondack Park. To say that the noise will negatively affect residents and wildlife is an understatement. The pollution will affect us all. The whole idea is ludicrous.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Alexandra Sacks
Email from: Kandasacks@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not do this to our parks- a Florida company coming to upstate NY to put OUR beautiful wildlife and nature at risk is unacceptable! You have a duty and an obligation to PROTECT our wildlife our animals our nature! The ADK is so special to so many people and has such a robust and untouched unique ecosystem you CANT do this, the world is so dark and heavy and sometimes all we have is the beautiful land of the ADK to escape to - to ground us- to center us- please don't do this. Please.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: April Jennings
Email from: Aprilfj@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Nope. Nope. Nope. Private property or not, it would be incredibly damaging to wildlife. Who does this actually benefit?

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Barbara Jean Juh
Email from: mt.brook@icloud.com
Address: PO Box 33 Essex, NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Oppose this project!!!!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 5:16 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: barbrehm@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Barbara Rehm
Email from: barbrehm@gmail.com
Address: 306 School St Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

How is this even being considered? It's absurd that any sort of weapons testing would be allowed inside the ADK Park. Noise, water pollution, disruption to animals, the list of negative impacts is long. And to what end? Is there any upside? Please reject this application.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Caleb Mossow
Email from: cmoose1211@icloud.com
Address: New York 13660
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Sounds dangerous and harmful too the environment and species surrounding I'd would he against this personally!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Carey Quinn
Email from: careyaquinn@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There are few areas in this country held as necessary and sacred for life and the pursuit of happiness. Do not designate our cleanest, prettiest, most peaceful spaces as a place for explosives. The concept is heinous and the potential fallout so damaging to wildlife (humans included). No one should be given the power to override the forever wild statuses given to land across our nation.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Charles C. Weld
Email from: ccameronweld@gmail.com
Address: 18 Park Street Moravia New York 13118
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My wife and I own a 100-plus acre wood lot and seasonal camp on Fox Run Road in the Town of Lewis, a couple of miles from the converted misfile site. We were at our camp when the Jaded Thunder exercises were occurring this summer. They were loud and disturbing. Several military helicopters flew directly over our camp at very low altitudes. The noise went on until almost 10 pm. Based on this experience, I am opposed to the howitzer testing. We are often at the camp with grandchildren and are concerned about the noise levels associated with this kind of military hardware testing.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Christine Dittus
Email from: Chrisseydittus@gmail.com
Address: 2204 State Route 9N Lake George NY 12845
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't think this should be allowed. We have many fault lines in the Adirondacks and my belief is that the constant testing could cause these fault lines to erupt. We are also in a protected area and it should remain protected. Why are we engaging in more destructive weaponry rather than more peaceful solutions.

Thank you,
Chrissey Dittus

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Cc: rondaxe124@yahoo.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Christine Walsh
Email from: rondaxe124@yahoo.com
Address: 16 Highland Dr Marcellus NY 13108
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

No, leave the weapons out of the Adirondack Park

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 12:46 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: karatecolleen123@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Karatecolleen123@gmail.com Zawadzki Email from: karatecolleen123@gmail.com
Address: 197 Hoffman Rd Tully NY 13159
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

You should not - under any circumstances disrupt this fragile and precious ecosystem by firing this massive tank every two weeks in an area that is home too many unique and fragile species. As a person who values, quiet and peacefulness as a tourist to the Adirondack area and who has ancestors from the New York area, this is an abomination. Money can't buy everything. Please stand up for your community and for the rest of our residents both local and this of us who call the Adirondacks a place to enjoy the uninterrupted quiet and beauty. Animals with keen senses of hearing will be impaired and residue from the ballistics will contaminate our soils and groundwater. Say no! Please.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 6:50 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Cynth.boquet@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Cynthia Fairbanks
Email from: Cynth.boquet@gmail.com
Address: 188 Morrison Road Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I applaud the APA for taking action to fully understand the implications of this project and to make a decision based on solid information. I trust the APA will do what's best for the Park.
I have lived here for 25 years and never take for granted the uniqueness of what we have here.
I know we must balance growth and development with the qualities of rural life and protection of wilderness. Personally, I don't see how that project fits. And I hope the outcome of your process will come to the same conclusion. (Only, it won't be based on emotion!) Thank You.
Sincerely,
Cynthia Fairbanks

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Daniel Vellone
Email from: dfvellone@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 706 NY 13420
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I strongly believe that the project (ID 2021-0276) should be rejected as it is anathema to everything the preservation of the Park represents. All of the State and private land classifications are meant to impose restrictions for preserving the quality of wilderness. Their purpose is to maintain the Forever Wild aspect of our public lands, and provide the necessary guardrails that allow development and use of private lands with the guidance that balances land use and development with quality of wilderness. This project would undeniably destroy that sense of wilderness for everyone who would be forced to listen to the sounds that it will be making. I live over an hour from Fort Drum and can hear their non-explosive ordinance practice sessions loud and clear. This activity has no place in a State Park that was established to preserve and protect wilderness.

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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: dave12942@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: David Mason
Email from: dave12942@gmail.com
Address: 30 Keene Knolls Way Keene NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This past summer the people who want to do weapons testing organized a PRIVATE military training exercise that involved night time operations including helicopters, planes and blasts from training munitions. It spread from Lewi all the way to Keene.

No one in Keene had any awareness this was about to happen. Because it was dark, it was quite unsettling for people, dogs and other animals in the area.

And this wasn't even the US gov't military - just contractors. With this as context I don't trust these people. And I don't think the area should be a location for this type of work.

I'm not clear about the legal issues but I do not think this should be permitted. Dave Mason

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: David Zawadzki
Email from: Dzawadzk@twcny.rr.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

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From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Deborah Blake
Email from: blswain@hotmail.com
Address: PO Box 115 Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I vehemently oppose this project of a test place for a howitzer barrel! This is the Adirondack park and this project is counter to the land being protected for wildlife and people using the park. The explosion will release gases into the air and be loud enough to disturb nesting birds. This does not take into account of 197 acres of land is used by animals and some may be killed! This is in direct opposition to the historical use of the club and does not reflect the peace and quiet of a magnificent natural area!

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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Dennis Arthur
Email from: stateofmind319@gmail.com
Address: 476 Moss road Lewis 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this permit. This is a quiet town and I'd like to keep it that way. It's outrageous that the APA would even consider allowing this to happen in our Adirondack Park. The park was established to protect against exactly this and to allow it would be a betrayal of what you stand for. Shameful

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Dina Garvey
Email from: stdennis1972@hotmail.com
Address: 453 Stowersville Rd Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is a horrible idea! Their last testing using Blackhawk helicopters, lights, etc., was a disaster. They tested during times they said they wouldn't, created incredibly loud noise, lights, and disrupted everyday living for weeks. We live where we live for a reason, the nature, wildlife and quiet life. I leave relatively close to the fish & game club and shooting range, I do not complain about that, this isn't the same. This is a destructive testing that should not be allowed, especially within the Adirondack Park.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Elisabeth Lorentzsen
Email from: lizlor@hotmail.com
Address: PO Box 706 Old Forge NY 13420
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is unacceptable activity inside a protected park. People live and visit the Adirondacks to enjoy the peace and quiet that come from living inside a beautiful park. Having military activity that disturbs this peace is unacceptable. It also is disturbing to wildlife, and especially to those that live in that community. Please reject this application

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Emily Furman
Email from: schmemily57@yahoo.com
Address: 309 Mason Road Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I believe it would be a mistake to allow this kind of commercial activity within the Adirondack Park. As a resident of the town of Lewis, I have my own concerns about the impact on residents, visitors, wildlife and the local economy. However, I also think the permit needs to be evaluated as it pertains to the Park as a whole. The whole point of the Adirondack Park is that it is a special place, with special limitations on human activity and its impact on the character and health of the region. Loud and disruptive testing of military cannons is just not in keeping with the unique character of the Adirondacks, which requires us to place limitations on ourselves, in order to protect. I think this permit should be denied. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Emily Welsh Myers
Email from: myerse065@gmail.com
Address: 30 Ridge Rd. Essex, NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must require a full EIS, independent baseline testing (soil, groundwater, noise), a DoD-level range safety plan with mapped danger zones, and financial assurance for cleanup — or deny the proposal outright. (Cite: APA Project P2021-0276 public notice; APA staff memos; EPA guidance on munitions contamination; peer-reviewed studies on shooting range contaminants.) PMC+3apa.ny.gov+3ht.apa.ny.gov+3

This proposal trades hard, permanent environmental and community harms for a narrow technical testing benefit that can be obtained far better — and much more safely — at established, engineered military test ranges designed for that work. There is no legitimate public-interest reason to locate high-energy, large-caliber testing inside the Adirondack Park where people live, drink, fish, and rely on the landscape for livelihoods and ecological services.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: FRANK VELLONE
Email from: fevellone@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 134 Holland Patent New york 13354
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The proposed project of a weapons range for testing cannon barrels has absolutely no place in a state park such as the Adirondack Park, which is to preserve wilderness. I am completely against this project.

Regards,,
Frank Vellone
Holland Patent Ny

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Gael Audic
Email from: elektraaudic@gmail.com
Address: Poland New York 13326
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am totally opposed to the above proposal of allowing the creation of a weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels.
The Adirondacks should remain a non military state park for the sole enjoyment of pristine nature for children and families. The military have no place in the ADK.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Heidi Ives
Email from: heidi14u@yahoo.com
Address: 5058 Nys Route 9n Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against this project. My sole reasoning is my concern for the wildlife and the land. I love seeing the eagles who are finally coming back home and they won't stay with the noise. One more reason- this company isn't from here- what do they know about our way of life? I am 100% supportive of our US military and I love knowing our helicopters and jets fly over us but they don't do it often enough to really disrupt the wildlife population. (That's my opinion and I honestly have not done any research) this may sound like a "hick" has written it and I guess I am but I am a proud Adirondack hick who loves the quiet peacefulness of the Adirondack mountains. I have lived here my whole life and raised my children here because of the safety and security of our mountains. I have a 13 yr old granddaughter who deserves what we all grew up with also. Anyway I pray your better values shine thru when you all decide what to do with our home. Thank you, Heidi I

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: James Holler
Email from: jimholler1@gmail.com
Address: 349 Adirondack Lake Road Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels in not consistent with the character of the Adirondacks. While the testing may not be on state land and in the forest preserve it will be heard and will disturb the wild nature of state lands with its loud bangs. These state lands are protected by article 14 of the state constitution and shall be kept "Forever wild " Allowing such military testing that will be heard on state lands would seem to violate the constitution.

I urge the APA to reject this petition for live testing of big guns inside the blue line.

Respectfully submitted:

James Holler

From: J-M Spanard <jmspanard@gmail.com>
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My name: Jan-Marie Spanard

My email: jmspanard@gmail.com

Address: Newcomb NY

My comments:

Questions:

1. In what way(s) would this action support the constitutional directive that this area be Forever Wild?
2. How many people stand to directly benefit from this? And in what way? Financially?
3. How many living beings, including entire populations of humans, birds and animals, will be adversely impacted by this?

If the total of 3. minus 2. is positive -- if more stand to be adversely impacted than the number who will directly benefit from this bizarre idea, then the logical answer is BLOCK IT from happening.

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jmspanard@gmail.com

From: Keith Behm <keithbehm@ymail.com>
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Subject: Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposal by “Unconventional Concepts” to conduct military-style weapons testing at the former missile silo site in Lewis, New York. My brother’s property is directly across from the site, and I own property very close by. I chose to live and hunt in this area because of its peace, quiet, and wildlife. Introducing weapons testing and related aircraft activity would fundamentally change the character of this part of the Adirondacks.

My concerns are straightforward:

1. Noise and quality of life: Explosive tests and low-flying aircraft will shatter the quiet that residents and visitors value. This isn’t an occasional nuisance—it’s incompatible with a community that relies on tranquility.
2. Wildlife disruption: Repeated shock, noise, and overflight disturb deer and other wildlife, especially during sensitive periods. This conflicts with the region’s hunting and outdoor traditions and with the APA’s stewardship mission.
3. Public safety and precedent: Weapons testing brings inherent risk. Once permitted, it opens the door to future expansions that will be difficult to rein in.
4. Privacy and community intrusion: Drone operations and aircraft flights over private homes and properties raise serious privacy and safety concerns. Residents should not be subjected to surveillance or intrusive aerial activity in their own backyards. The people who live here deserve peace and privacy—not to feel like they are living in a military testing zone.
5. Property values and community character: The perception—let alone reality—of weapons testing will depress local property values and deter families, retirees, and visitors who come for the Adirondack experience.
6. Incompatibility with surrounding uses and zoning intent: This activity does not fit the existing rural-residential and recreational pattern of use in and around Lewis.

Given the magnitude of these impacts, I urge the APA to deny any permits or variances authorizing

weapons-testing operations at this site.

If the Agency considers this further despite these concerns, at minimum it should require a full, transparent environmental review and public process, including:

- A full SEQRA/EIS addressing noise contours, overflight paths/altitudes, wildlife impacts, cumulative effects, privacy implications, and mitigation credibility.
- A well-advertised in-person public hearing in Lewis, with plain-language disclosures and independent expert review.
- Binding, enforceable limits on hours, frequency, aircraft altitudes/flight paths, drone activity, maximum decibel levels at property lines, and an accessible complaint/monitoring program with real penalties for violations.

The Adirondacks are not the place for weapons testing. I respectfully ask the APA to protect the quiet, safety, privacy, wildlife, and character that define this community and reject this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Keith Behm

Lewis, NY

(518) 478-1155

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Cc: lw.gawel@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Laura Gawel
Email from: lw.gawel@gmail.com
Address: 275 Corlear Dr Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live nearby the weapons range and will hate to hear the explosions of the weapons they intend to set off. It's an area where we revel in the sounds of nature, the lapping of water , and nearby friends . This will be an offense . Please reconsider

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Cc: LawsonPAI@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lawson Prince Allen
Email from: LawsonPAI@gmail.com
Address: 1858 Lakeshore Rd Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must deny the proposal outright. (Cite: APA Project P2021-0276 public notice; APA staff memos; EPA guidance on munitions contamination; peer-reviewed studies on shooting range contaminants.)
PMC+3apa.ny.gov+3ht.apa.ny.gov+3 Final blunt takeaway This proposal trades hard, permanent environmental and community harms for a narrow technical testing benefit that can be obtained far better — and much more safely — at established, engineered military test ranges designed for that work. There is no legitimate public-interest reason to locate high-energy, large-caliber testing inside the Adirondack Park where people live, drink, fish, and rely on the landscape for livelihoods and ecological services.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Heyyy2001@aol.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lindsay Stan
Email from: Heyyy2001@aol.com
Address: Broadalbin NY 12025
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is completely unacceptable. Military testing should not be done in Adirondack Park. This goes against the whole point of keeping this place forever wild. Please move this testing to a proper military testing facility, not a beautiful piece of wilderness.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Lucymarsac66@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lucy Marsac
Email from: Lucymarsac66@gmail.com
Address: Box 292 North creek Ny 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I vehemently reject the idea of any weapon testing within the borders of the Adirondack Park.
The park was formed to protect and preserve natural habitat. There is no positive result from testing weapons anywhere within the park. Please respect the importance of wilderness within the Park

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: lynnmariejohnson@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lynn Johnson
Email from: lynnmariejohnson@gmail.com
Address: NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this project and urge the APA to require a full adjudicatory hearing before making any decision on this project.

Under the APA Act, Rural Use areas are meant to support a low level of development and protect sensitive natural resources, community character, and open space.

Testing of this nature could impact wildlife, clean water, recreation, and quiet rural communities, and belongs on secure military installations — not in the middle of the Adirondacks. This proposal is unprecedented, and the APA must require a full adjudicatory hearing before making any decision.

A formal adjudicatory hearing features expert testimony, sworn evidence, and cross-examination in front of an administrative law judge. The Agency has not held such a hearing in 14 years, and this controversial and unprecedented project clearly warrants one.

Please conduct a full adjudicatory hearing.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mark King
Email from: markwardenking@gmail.com
Address: 6 Clarence Oliver Ln Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am all for supporting this project and fee a sense of pride that this is happening in our county! There is never a 0% chance something isn't going to go wrong, this is the perfect area for this! I live in the next town over! I would let them use my property if needed! There is a huge history of military service in this area. 100% in favor of this project moving forward.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Martha Smiles
Email from: marthasmiles1@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is a really bad idea that would negatively impact neighbors (human & animal), the surrounding community and the Adirondack Park. The damage done would be permanent. All for a "consultant" to make money. What benefit is this to the community?

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: keating.matthew52@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Matthew Keating
Email from: keating.matthew52@gmail.com
Address: 36 William St. Apt. 4 Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have lived in the Adirondacks since I was 3. This proposal nauseates me. The Adirondack Park is a part of the world devoted to the conservation of natural life. The testing and development of tools used for killing has no place here (or anywhere else). This is a disgusting affront to what the park stands for, a vain, cynical, antihuman and entirely unwated intrusion. Matthew Keating, Saranac Lake, NY

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mauricio tapia
Email from: Mauriciotapia999@gmail.com
Address: 5 garden rd Philadelphia 13673
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I m against this project. We should protect the forest and animals, the project will cause damage to the ecosystem , create noise pollution

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: mikefishon@yahoo.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: michael Dupee
Email from: mikefishon@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:24 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: naomi.tapia@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Naomi Tapia
Email from: naomi.tapia@gmail.com
Address: 5 Garden Rd Philadelphia NY 13673
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am a resident of New York and live adjacent to the Adirondack region. I am against permitting these weapons to be tested in the Adirondacks. I am concerned about the environmental impact of any chemicals or materials that may be used in the development of these weapons that could contaminate the local environment. Furthermore, there is concern about noise pollution and its effect on wildlife - not to mention the humans who live near this property. Sound can carry a very long distance. I do not support this being approved.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: noelsherry5@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Noel Sherry
Email from: noelsherry5@gmail.com
Address: 9 Twitchell Lake Eagle Bay New York 13331
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

If there ever was a cause for concern it would be this application for a military use of the Adirondacks and if there ever was a case where an in-depth hearing was needed to glean expert opinion on environmental and human and animal impact, this is it. Please initiate such a hearing process for this application.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: patricia sowinski
Email from: psowinski1@sbcglobal.net
Address: 607 1st St Watervliet NY 12189
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This testing should be taken elsewhere like back to Florida or to Ft. Drum like some have mentioned. The ADK are not for testing and destruction. The wildlife, vegetation, trees, and water must all be protected and not allowed to be impacted by foreign companies who want our lumber or for testing. For years we listened to the fighter jets fly through the mountains destroying the tranquility of the forests. Take it elsewhere is my recommendation and protect the natural beauty of the mountains as best we can. Don't displace the wildlife any further. NYS do not give in. As a longtime shift worker, daytime testing impacts those who sleep during the day disrupting their sleep wake cycles in an already uncertain and difficult job market in the Park. Let's protect the park and it's people.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 1:22 PM
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Cc: PAULAJOLEJNIK@GMAIL.COM
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: PAULA OLEJNIK
Email from: PAULAJOLEJNIK@GMAIL.COM
Address: 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

DEFINITELY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL. VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RESIDENTS MENTAL HEALTH, PROPERTY FOUNDATION, UNKNOWN DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE. DEFINITE EFFECT ON WILDLIFE AND TREES. NO AMOUNT OF MONEY IS WORTH THIS EXPERIMENT. HOPEFULLY RESIDENTS IN THE PARK GET TO VOTE ON THIS. WHERE WILL THERE BE ANY NEUTRAL OPERATION ENFORCEMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL GUIDELINES ARE KEPT TO WHATEVER AGREEMENT MAY BE MADE. THE VERBIAGE OF IN BRACKETS NO PROPOSED DOES NOT SOUND VERY DEFINITE

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Sammy
Email from: Vestopiahoops@gmail.com
Address: Upper Jay
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

To even be considering the proposed cannon test site here in the ADK park is outrageous. This is forever wild land any and all weapon testing will directly impact the local environment, animals and people. To bring this matter in front of a judge (a for protection corporate fiction) and call them unbiased is beyond naive.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Sarah Place
Email from: place.sarah@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this for the safety of my family and environment.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Shawn swamp
Email from: Swizzy2280@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this due to the threat of wildlife and alsonnearby neighbors with kids

From: Stephen Smith <notifications@cognitoforms.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 5:06:42 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: apa.sm.AgencyMeeting.PublicComment <AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov>
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Stephen Smith

Contact the Agency

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NAME Stephen Smith

EMAIL kimchijoe@yahoo.com

IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE LIST THE PHONE NUMBER YOU WILL USE.

SUBJECT Please hold an adjudicatory hearing for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

MESSAGE

Dear Executive Director Rice,

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to hold a formal adjudicatory hearing on the proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Testing Project in the Town of Lewis (P2021-0276) for the following reasons:

1. Ballistics Testing Is Incompatible With the APA Act.

Introducing private projectile testing sets a troubling precedent that conflicts with the Park's conservation purpose. Rural Use is one of the Park's most sensitive private land classifications, intended to protect open space, wildlife, and quiet rural character. Authorizing a private ballistics range would contradict these purposes and undermine the land use vision for the region.

2. Noise and Environmental Impacts Are Not Fully Examined.

The applicant's noise analysis lacks sufficient detail to show there will be no undue adverse impact on nearby homes, wildlife, recreation areas, or the Park's natural soundscape.

3. A Full Adjudicatory Hearing Is Necessary.

There are unresolved legal, environmental, and community questions that demand expert review and public transparency.

In conclusion, please hold an adjudicatory hearing on the Hopmeier Project, given the groundswell of local and public interest, the unprecedented nature of this project, and the potential impacts to human and wild communities.

Sincerely,
Stephen Smith

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Steven McCullough
Email from: mculsm@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I do not feel that this is a land use request that fits in with the Adirondacks.
Let them test munitions on military property. There is plenty of that in NY.

From: apa.sm.contact
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 1:34 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Fw: Website Contact Form - formal adjudicatory hearing on proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Tssssting Project in the Tesswn of Lewis (P2021-0276)

From: Tess Lecuyer <notifications@cognitoforms.com>
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Name Tess Lecuyer

Email albanylecuyer@gmail.com

Subject formal adjudicatory hearing on proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Tssssting Project in the Tesswn of Lewis (P2021-0276)

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Sincerely,
Tess Lecuyer

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Email from: macdougaw@aol.com
Address: 3014 E Lydius St Schenectady NY 12303
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I object to this proposal. I own a seasonal place in the area. I feel there are better suited places to have this proposed testing site - like out west in the desert . Please do not disturb the peaceful Adirondacks - residents, wildlife etc. I am afraid that once it is established it will lead to other testing. I am totally against this proposal.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 6:18 PM
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Cc: waynetusa@aol.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: wqyne tusa
Email from: waynetusa@aol.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

THIS PROJECT IS TOTALLY INPPPPROPRIATE FOR THE ADIRONDACKS!! PLEASE PROTECT PEOPLE AND THE PLANET = NOT POLLUTERS AND PROFITEERS..

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Wesley Joseph
Email from: wt.joseph@gmail.com
Address: 919 Northumberland Drive Niskayuna NY 12309
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project is completely unsuited to the wild character of the Adirondacks. If trail crews are prohibited from using chainsaws to clear blowdowns because of the noise, how is allowing someone to test fire cannons for fun and / or profit acceptable? It will not only diminish the character of the Adirondacks as experienced by people, but will disturb wildlife and doubtless leave enormous scars in the ground, bedrock, and forest as well.

Sincerely,
Wesley Joseph

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: William Blake Brown
Email from: bill@williamblakebrown.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I fell in love with the Adirondacks when I began spending my summers there. I am still in love with them, not only for the tranquility and magnificent beauty, preserved for everyone to appreciate, but also for nature to thrive in a natural environment.

Using an area of such environmental importance for testing a howitzer or any other heavy weapon is totally incompatible with the purpose of the park and an unnecessary infringement on the tranquility of the residents--both human and animal.

That is especially true since there already exist more adequate and accessible facilities.

Please reject in total this application.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Zachary Denton
Email from: Zjdenton88@yahoo.com
Address: 28 Revere Run Mechanicville New York 12118
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I'm a long time resident of Lewis. I grew up there. I'm familiar with this property and people who live around. Most thing it's a cool opportunity for our small community to be involved in the defense of the nation. There will be little impact to the park. There is no science that this will be detrimental to the park. This should be allowed to proceed.

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Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Anita Hegwood
Email from: anitahegwood@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I think it's madness to allow this project to proceed in the Adirondack Park. The APA and DEC should be tasked with protecting our environment and wildlife and not exposing us to the sound of 155 howitzer cannons. How do you think people and wildlife would cope with this extremely noisy intrusion?
Shame on you if you allow this permit to proceed.

From: amy heffner <amyheffner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 6:38 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: proposed military weapons testing in Lewis, NY

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Amy Heffner
Essex, NY
amyheffner@hotmail.com

Subject: Opposition to the proposed military weapons testing at the former missile silo in Lewis, NY

Dear APA,

As a resident of Essex County I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposal by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. to conduct military weapons and ballistics testing at the former missile silo in Lewis.

While I respect the property rights of business owners, the potential impact of this activity on our communities is a serious concern that goes far beyond the boundaries of a single property line. More importantly the nature of this project is inappropriate for the Adirondack Park. Fort Drum, for example is an appropriate location.

My specific concerns regarding this proposal include:

Environmental impact:

The testing of military weapons, even without explosive warheads, introduces a significant risk of environmental contamination to the Adirondack Park ecosystem. Concerns include the potential for lead, copper, and explosive residues to leach into the soil and groundwater, threatening local water resources and habitats.

Noise pollution: The proposed testing of howitzers and other military-grade weapons would create substantial noise pollution. The company's own application notes that Big Church and Little Church mountains would serve as a backstop, acknowledging the potential for a large sonic impact on the surrounding area. This noise would disturb not only residents but also wildlife and visitors seeking the tranquility of the Adirondacks.

Public safety:

Military testing and operations pose a public safety risk to our rural community.

There is no compelling reason why this type of testing cannot be performed at an established military facility, like Fort Drum.

Previous unapproved military exercises conducted by the firm, including those involving low-flying helicopters and gunfire, have already alarmed residents, spooked livestock, and raised concerns about accountability.

Impact on quality of life and property values:

Lewis is a quiet, residential community within the Adirondack Park, and the presence of a military weapons testing facility is completely out of character with the area. It threatens our quality of life and has the potential to negatively impact local property values.

Lack of transparency: The history of military drills by Unconventional Concepts has caused distrust among community members. The current application to the Adirondack Park Agency has faced delays, and residents have struggled to obtain clear information, fueling valid concerns about transparency and accountability.

I urge you to oppose this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical issue that will have substantial negative impacts on the Lewis community — on its residents, farm animals, and environment.

Sincerely,

Amy Heffner

amyheffner@hotmail.com

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: betsyehrllich@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Betsy Ehrlich
Email from: betsyehrllich@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The one place we can go to get away from the incessant noise of human activity, (cars, trucks, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, ATVs, snowmobiles, trains, generators, etc etc) is in the Adirondacks. Yet even there, we still endure routine flyovers from Fort Drum, train whistles, vehicle noise etc. But deep in the woods, one can at least get a break. Recording a bird song without the din of human-made noise is nearly impossible. Unending noise is exhausting. Please find a better location for arms testing. The Adirondacks is a refuge from noise, although it too is compromised. Where else can a person go to escape the noise?

From: BJ Forrester <lavendercatnip@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 9:48 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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It's shocking to read today's article in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise written by Michael Keating of Saranac Lake regarding this project.

I live in the Adirondack Park. I retired from the APA. I would hope that there would be enough dissent of this project to make sure it can never go forward. There is too much killing, hatred and noise in the world today. The least we can do is work to make sure that we continue to protect the areas within the park from noise and destruction. It's not just the people we need to protect, but the wildlife and their critical environment.

Thank you.

Bettijane Forrester
Bloomingdale, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Carolyn Gerdin
Email from: township40@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is a ridiculous use of land in the Adirondack Park! The Rural Use classification of land is the next to last most restrictive area. Why in the world would we allow a howitzer assembly to be test fired there?! I don't care how many acres the owner has. The project certainly does not fall within the purpose of the Adirondack Park. I seem to recall a phrase "forever wild." This hardly fits that. I happen to know that the deer, bear, raccoons, squirrels, etc. will vote unanimously against the project!

From: apa.sm.contact
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 1:34 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Fw: Website Contact Form - Testing artillery in Lewis

From: Charles Wolson <notifications@cognitoforms.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 8:10 PM
To: apa.sm.contact <contact@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Website Contact Form - Testing artillery in Lewis

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Charles Wolson

Contact the Agency

Entry Details

I am contacting the Adirondack Park Agency about Other

Name Charles Wolson

Email 1three77@gmail.com

Subject Testing artillery in Lewis

Message

I'm not sure this is the right path to comment on this, if it isn't please send this comment where it should go.
I spent more than 20 years working mostly demolitions and explosives in the army. Nearly every round sent down range will be contaminated because depleted radio active contaminates are used to enhance the rounds ability to penetrate armor.
Having been shown the site by a previous owner, I already had concerns over contamination in that silo, slamming toxic rounds a couple hundred yards away to the base of a cliff where a lot of rain is soaked in to the ground just seems stupid.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Charles Yale
Email from: yalelake@juno.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

wildlife will suffer

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Cheryl Joyce
Email from: cjoyce@paulsmiths.edu
Address: Po box 83 Saranac lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not allow this, we are already constantly interrupted by the f-35s that fly overhead often and sometimes very low. I don't see how this could possibly be in line with protecting the Adirondack Park

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Darlene Ann LeClair Brady Email from: dar.brady55@gmail.comNO
Address: 3653 Essex Rd Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

NO this is far from forever wild it will scare the wildlife as well as our domestic animals. Please do not allow this.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: David Kirchner
Email from: dak.kirchner@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose APA Project P2021-0276. While I understand that property owners want to do what they want on their property, that should generally be fine as long as it does not have a clear and adverse effect on other property owners and the great population and landscape in general. What is already happening on this property goes well past what we as respectful neighbors and citizens should expect or have to tolerate...particularly in the Adirondack Park. With all of the millions of square miles in this country owned and controlled by our federal government and devoted to our military safety, the idea that this type of activity should be happening in the Adirondack Park is absurd. There is no legitimate public-interest in locating a high-energy, large-caliber testing site inside the Adirondack Park where people live, work, farm, and raise their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Douglas Hall
Email from: Halldouglas828@gmail.com
Address: Wilmington NY 12997
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Such an activity is entirely inappropriate for the Adirondack Park, its residents, and environment. Even submitting for permit proves the applicant does not understand the park and will be incapable of mitigating such awful action.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Eliabeth Senkowski
Email from: dbsen2@aol.com
Address: 13 Hemlock Way, unit 11 Lake Placid NY 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am firmly opposed twagon testing facility. These are weapons of war And the testing may lead to further in enhancements used for that purpose. The noise alone could damage our environment and wreak havoc on wildlife

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bruce Burditt
Email from: usskier@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Let 'er rip! This guy owns enough land and a mountain for a backstop. It couldn't be any more ideal of a firing range that it already is. We need to support our troops, and this research is just one more way to make our boys and girls in uniform safer.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Ellen Dalton
Email from: Edalton11@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposal is a terrible idea!!
I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must require a full EIS, independent baseline testing (soil, groundwater, noise), a DoD-level range safety plan with mapped danger zones, and financial assurance for cleanup — or deny the proposal outright. (Cite: APA Project P2021-0276 public notice; APA staff memos; EPA guidance on munitions contamination; peer-reviewed studies on shooting range contaminants.) PMC+3apa.ny.gov+3ht.apa.ny.gov+3

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: emily bell Dinan
Email from: ebdinan@gmail.com
Address: 83 Shepard ave SARANAC LAKE NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There is no reason to build a weapons testing site, not just a where in the Adirondacks, but anywhere in the United States. Don't we have enough weapons capable of shredding human bodies apart? Don't we know how they work? Unfortunately all too well.

Setting off ordinances, flying experimental aircrafts, firing automatic weapons and other forms of extreme and constant noise pollutions can negatively impact the natural behavior of wildlife. If the biannual fireworks displays of Saranac Lake are any example, sudden and extremely loud noises cause severe anxiety in animals. Unlike 4th of July and Winter Carnival fireworks, ongoing weapons testing can cause extreme distress for local wildlife that feeding, mating, hibernation and other behaviors critical to maintaining homeostasis will experience disruption.

Noise pollution will also negatively impact the quality of life for years to come round and seasonal residents. The most rural remote living year-round residents within the Blue Line are some of New York State's lowest income individuals. Exposing them to constant ear damaging noise, air pollution from aircraft emissions, water quality issues from stormwater runoff containing jet fuel and other explosive chemicals is absolutely an environmental justice issue. Just because these people live in a rural remote area does not mean they have to be exposed to environmental harm - are there associated cancer risks? Psychological impacts? Reduced property value? Many year round residents do not have the privilege to easily relocate, nor should they have to. According to NY's state-wide and federal leadership, agencies are supposed to care about alleviating environmental injustice, not perpetuate or grow it.

If the APA is even considering permitting this project, it's evident that the agency needs a complete overhaul to actually protect the people, places, natural resources, and local economies within the Adirondack Park. Do not allow this facility to be built.

From: Erica <ekragan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 1:29 PM
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Dear APA Committee,

My family and I have been residents and visitors in the Adirondacks for more than 56 years. We are horrified that the Town of Lewis endured a military operation recently over their private homes and public space. This goes against any NYS Constitutional mandate for the Forever Wild area of the Adirondack Park.

Not only should this military cooperation stop, the petition to test howitzers in Lewis before the APA needs to be turned down permanently. Howitzers do not have a place in the Adirondacks whether on private land or elsewhere.

The website for Unconventional Concepts Inc. posts not only comments on drone use which is illegal in the Park, but the owner seems to have an FAA license that others cannot have. He also advertises to potential clients that he can test weapons very deep into the ground. He also advertises that he has 4,000 extra acres available for testing. It is my understanding that he owns 197 acres in Lewis, so it appears that he is offering all of the surrounding Adirondack Park area to test weapons for these mystery clients?

The Adirondack Park is a place for folks to enjoy a quiet life, to enjoy nature and acres of pristine forest, not to have underground or above ground weapons testing. The testing could also disturb the town landfill area, which sits near or over an aquifer in Lewis. A blast that could contaminate the aquifer would be a disaster.

This private initiative is not helping the town or surrounding Adirondack Park area in any way; it only has the potential to hurt the park and the people living within park boundaries.. The howitzer petition should be turned down for good.

Perhaps the APA needs to seek information as well on what other testing the company is already offering clients from his website that might be already interrupting all life in the Lewis, Jay Mountain Wilderness and the area around and below his property.

There are many other designated military areas in the US that are more appropriate for this business where weapons, helicopter activity and other tests are far away from a park and residential area like the Adirondacks.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Erica and Andy Ragan
Homeowners, Rochester and Jay NY
Former Wardens, Ausable Club, AMR Keene Valley, NY

From: ghoward@aaahawk.com
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Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger
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Good day, Mr. Aldinger:

Attached are my comments and recommendations on Project 2021-0276.

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Gordon Howard
Keeseville, NY &
Seneca, SC
ghoward@aaahawk.com

Gordon E. Howard
Keeseville, NY
Seneca, SC

Regarding. APA Project ID: 2021-0276
Petitioner: Michael Hopmeier

MY COMMENTS, CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Site and Site Plan

Resurfacing

The site plan calls for resurfacing the natural land with about 75 cubic yards (100 tons) of "Item 4" gravel ("crusher run"). [Permit question 22]

While Item 4 is capable of absorbing light rainfall, episodes of rainfall above 1/2-3/4 of an inch per hour will produce runoff. [My 50yr experience]

Berm

A 13 foot high berm is proposed in image P2021-0276 Side View. It appears to be for sound attenuation about 100 feet from the Howitzer muzzle. This is illustrated on the image P2021-0276 Site Plan in yellow. "Guestimating" from the Site Plan, that berm will require about 2500 cubic yards of material.

The material is not listed in the application or in the shipments received.

**Where will the material for this huge berm come from?
INVASIVE RISK FROM PLANTS, SEEDS, AND SOIL RESIDENTS.**

Similar concerns for the material in the target box (proposed cargo container filled with sand) or an earthen target berm.

155mm Cannon

According to image P2021-0276 Site Plan, the 155mm cannon will be fired east toward the Hamlet of Lewis, Lake Champlain, and Vermont. Older Howitzers had a range of 12-14 miles. So called "long-range" shells for newer Howitzers may have a range of 20 miles or more.

The Plan calls for the target to be 675 feet (225 yards) from the muzzle of the cannon. Other statements mention 900 feet (300 yards).

The cannon will be fired from a "truck" placed on a pad of compacted gravel ("Item 4"), at an elevation of about 1375 feet above mean sea level.

A 1 or 2 degree difference in the angle of the cannon, in any plane, from the desired trajectory as a result of the lack of very precise truing of the cannon, perhaps due to changes in the truck's tire pressure, the surface of the pad, or other factors, might send a projectile to Lewis or beyond.

Sound

NOTE: The decibel (dB) level of the cannon at the muzzle at the time of firing is presented in the application as 180 dBA. [dBA is a measurement of sounds' loudness (pressure) "weighted" to the mid-range frequencies of human hearing. **The "A" filter weighs (favors) sounds above infrasound frequencies according to the literature.**

Measurement and Attenuation

Measurement of sound levels were recorded at a number of points in December. Phonographs provided in the sound report show soft snow on the ground over the entire test area, not just the proposed firing range.

Soft snow is known to be a strong attenuator of noise. Depending on the frequency, the kinetic force of sound over soft snow can be reduced by 9dB over 1000 meters. Therefore, the sound measurements reported in the petition may only be relevant to periods when soft snow covers the area.

The lowest sounds that humans are credited with being able to hear, though there are individual differences, is considered to be 30 Hz. The octave bands below that are considered "infrasound". Savannah elephants are well known to communicate 6 miles through the air using infrasound.

Infrasound sound bands are less attenuated by environmental factors, such as foliage and ground surface porosity than the higher octave bands, according to the literature.

Cannon Discharge Kinetic Energy: Impacts on Humans

According to data presented in the petition (application), the duration of the sound impulse will be in the vicinity of 0.50 seconds or less. This may be sufficient time for the ultrasound to alter a person's performance that in certain situations may lead to poor decisions, health issues, or injury.

Infrasound has been tested by the US military as a weapon which appears to disturb the target's biological and brain functions making the target less aggressive or functionally less effective.

Studies have shown that infrasound reduces the effects of cardiac Angiotensin II (Ang II). Among other functions, Ang II helps to regulate cardiac impulse propagation and myocardial contractility.

The application presents that the threshold of **hearing pain** is 140 dBA, which is the generally accepted threshold. **Omitted, was the value for the threshold for beginning to produce hearing loss.**

The US CDC-NIOSH sets the loss of hearing threshold at 85 dBA over 8 hours of exposure. Further, it states that for each 3 dBA increase in noise (kinetic energy), the exposure time before hearing damage is cut in half: Threshold exposure time at 85 dBA, drops from 8 hours to 4 hours when the noise is 88 dBA; 15 minutes at 100 dBA.

According to Dr. William Clark, exposure to 2 milliseconds of sound at 165 dB (discharge of .357 magnum handgun) is equivalent to 40 hours of exposure in a noisy work place.

The impact of infrasound and short burst high dBA sounds on the hearing of mammals and birds, both heavily dependent on hearing for safety and other life functions, has not been sufficiently studied to state that 155 mm cannon firings will not negatively and permanently impact wildlife's hearing.

Comments

Recommendation

I recommend that this application be withdrawn, permanently, or denied, permanently. It is incomplete. More importantly, the project is ill conceived for the location - too many what-if risks, and out-of-place in the Adirondack Park.

Response to a Hopmeier Remark: APA should ban hunting due to rifle's High dBA

I suspect that the magnitude of kinetic sound energy (pressure) from a fired 155mm cannon is significantly greater, at the same dBA, than the magnitude of sound pressure from a .30-30 rifle, thereby increasing the health risk potential along with it. IMO, all the living things in the Adirondack Park that are not in the immediate vicinity of the shot from the .30-30 have only to worry about the projectile fired, not hearing or biological damage by its sound wave (shooter excepted). However, **Adirondack living things should be concerned about the massive kinetic energy from the discharge of a 155 mm cannon.**

"The hills are alive with the sound of ~~music~~ Howitzers,
A sound not heard in ten million years. . ."

[With apologies to Oscar Hammerstein II, Richard Rogers, and Julie Andrews]

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My Comments:

I oppose this use as the Adirondacks are a natural outdoor space meant to be enjoyed by all in the community, including residents and visitors. 30 times per year is too frequent to disrupt the region with excessive noise, both for humans and animals. Furthermore, given that there are so many places where weapons testing already occurs, I do not believe that it should or has to happen within the Adirondack park, and I think that this use should be prohibited outright. I do not think that weapons testing of any kind aligns with the character of the Adirondack park.

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Address: 261 Carlott Road Elizabethtown NY 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As a lifelong resident of the Adirondacks and a land owner in Lewis NY, I oppose the test firing weapons by the military in my area. I make my living with the peace and quiet my corner of wilderness provides. I'm planning a business around it. Nobody wants to have the living daylights scared out of them and try to find peace. Please don't allow this to happen.

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Email from: john.klipper@axxesscapital.net
Address: 7 Elm Street Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I urge the APÄ to reject this application. This kind of project does not belong in the Adirondack Park. It is noisy and dangerous

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Comments from: Joe Beneshan
Email from: jbeneshan@gmail.com
Address: Lake Placid
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

For all things living and breathing that exist within the park that you are charged with protecting... SAY NO!

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To the Adirondack Park Agency:

I am writing in support of Saranac Lake resident Michael Keating's Guest Commentary in the October 23d edition of the Enterprise, "Weapons testing in the Adirondack Park?" (<https://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/opinion/guest-commentary/2025/10/weapons-testing-in-the-adirondack-park/>), urging the APA to deny the application of Michael Hopmeier to build a range on his property in Lewis to test-fire 155 mm howitzer cannons "up to 30 times per year on weekdays, between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm." As a former Fire Direction Officer (FDO) with the 2/83 Howitzer Battalion in Bidingen, Germany back in the 60's, I know what the blast of a 155 mm Howitzer sounds like. It is not just loud. It is ear splitting. And the sound of the blast carries a great distance. It has no place in the Adirondack Park. Period.

Joe Mercurio
West Shore Road
Saranac Lake, NY

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I am writing to express my concern that the APA should not allow a business that tests weapons such as Howitzer cannons within the Blue Line.

The damage to wildlife is just the beginning. The park flourishes as a symbiotic ecosystem between Forever Wild and commercial businesses. As the owner of a small B&B my guests visit to enjoy fishing, climbing, biking, and paddling to just mention a few of the ecotourism activities we depend on.

As a DEC guide my clients want to experience the peaceful nature of the Adirondacks. Do we know how this testing will disrupt the eagles, loons and many other varieties of migrating birds and waterfowl?

The whole idea makes me sick to even consider bringing something like this to our home.

Sincerely
Kathleen Bullard
Saranac Lake, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lawrence Conley
Email from: conleysln@gmail.com
Address: Schroon Lake
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This activity does not belong in the Adirondack Park. The reasons are obvious. The Park is supposed to be protected land.

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Michael Hopmeier
APA Project ID:
2021-0276
APA contact:
Frederick Aldinger
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RPcomments@apa.ny.gov

My name: (required)

[] enter your full name: Lawrence McClure

My email: (required)

[] a copy of your comments will be sent to this email: lhm105@gmail.com

My address: (optional)

[] street: 87 Wild Acres
[] city: Essex
[] state: NY
[] postal code: 12936

My comments: (required)

Just a few days ago I became aware of a troublesome situation occurring in the Town of Lewis. It seems a private contractor, Michael Hopmeier, president and principal investigator for a private security consulting firm in Florida called Unconventional Concepts, purchased a closed Atlas F nuclear missile site in the Town of Lewis and has begun holding what only can be referred to as "war games", by hosting military exercises in September conducted by private contractors with retired and active military and involving live gunfire and Black Hawk helicopters, deployed from Fort Drum, which were flying at low altitude (250 feet) well into the night with one report indicating these "exercises" ran as late as 3:00 am. *I can only imagine how much of a nuisance this is for neighboring properties.*

Now Homeier has an application to the Adirondack Park Agency to test fire 155 mm howitzers on his property in Lewis. According to the application Hopmeier wants to fire steel projectiles into a pile of land, using the privately owned Big Church Mountain as a backstop. Firing will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, up to 30 times per year. What remains undefined in my mind is, what is meant by "30 times per year"? Is this 30 separate discharges or 30 times meaning 30 days or weeks with many discharges each day or week? *Based on interactions with local citizens at an information exchange, which can be accessed online, Homeier, to my mind, appeared arrogant and condescending to questions locals raised concerning this project.*

A Howitzer is a long-range artillery weapon used, since 1941, was used by militaries around the world. Last used by the US in Viet Nam, it has been replaced by the M198 mm., which begs the question, why does Homeier propose to do new testing on a weapon no longer used by the US Army?

The 155 mm caliber round that they propose to use can reach as far as 30 km or 18.6 miles with some reports being up to 30 to 40 miles!

According to the US Army, it can produce an 181 decibel blast which is far beyond the threshold of pain and can cause immediate and permanent hearing damage, The sound intensity decreases with distance , but even several kilometers away, the sound can be significantly loud and potentially startling. The sound of the cannon can be heard up to 6 to 8 miles away, with the sound traveling much further under certain atmospheric conditions. *(Essex is 10 miles away from the missile site).*

It's my opinion that such a weapon has no place in the Adirondacks. Any "testing" should be, and most likely already has been, conducted at military ordnance sites and not in the hands of a local private, for profit, security consultant firm who will most likely be using it in furtherance of "military exercises". *I can only imagine living right next to this invasive enterprise and expect that their activities will be extremely hazardous to the wildlife in the area. Can you possibly imagine the effect this place and their "exercises" will have on local real estate prices - who in their right mind would want to locate next to an ordnance site?*

I urge you to not approve this application.

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Community Opposition Letter – APA Project No. 2021-0276

To: Mr. Fritz Aldinger

Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

P.O. Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

Subject: Opposition to Permit Application – APA Project No. 2021-0276

Project: Unconventional Concepts, Inc. – Proposed Ballistics Test Range, Lewis, NY

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

I am writing as a concerned resident of the Town of Lewis to respectfully oppose the proposed Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) Ballistics Test Range (APA Project No. 2021-0276). After reviewing the permit materials and participating in community discussions, I believe this project presents serious risks to the health, safety, and peaceful character of our town and to the natural integrity of the surrounding Adirondack Park.

1. Threat to Community Well-Being and Rural Character

Lewis is a quiet Adirondack community that values its open spaces, family life, and the natural sound of the landscape. The proposed testing range would fundamentally change that. The sound study provided by H2H Geoscience and Engineering acknowledges that blast noise levels could exceed 100 decibels, levels comparable to a jet aircraft or jackhammer. These are not ordinary industrial sounds; they are explosive concussions that carry far and wide, disturbing both people and wildlife. For residents who live within earshot of the proposed site, this will bring constant anxiety and disruption to daily life. This kind of testing simply does not belong in a small Adirondack community that has worked so hard to preserve its rural peace and sense of place.

2. Inadequate Noise and Environmental Analysis

The environmental documentation fails to meet basic expectations for a project of this potential magnitude. Sound monitoring was performed only over two days in December 2022, under heavy snow cover that muffles noise. The study relies on foreign military data for sound modeling rather than real testing at the Lewis site, and it ignores cumulative and seasonal effects. The community has not been shown accurate, independent data on what we will actually hear, how far the shockwaves will travel, or what effect this will have on our wildlife, livestock, or property values.

3. Disrespect Toward the Community at the Lewis Firehouse Meeting

At the informal meeting held at the Lewis Firehouse, many residents attended in good faith, expecting honest conversation and respect. Unfortunately, the president of Unconventional Concepts, Inc. displayed a dismissive and disrespectful attitude toward community members, repeatedly interrupting residents and minimizing their concerns about noise, safety, and the preservation of our environment. This conduct deeply eroded public trust. For a company seeking permission to operate within our town, such behavior demonstrates a troubling disregard for the people who would be most affected by their activities. The tone and demeanor displayed at that meeting only strengthened local opposition and made it clear that the applicant is unwilling to engage constructively with the community.

4. Impacts to Wildlife and the Adirondack Soundscape

The proposed site lies within two miles of State Land classified as Wild Forest, which supports a diverse range of wildlife, including moose, bear, raptors, and migratory songbirds. Loud, repetitive noise events are known to disrupt wildlife behavior and drive animals from their habitat. The Adirondack Park's natural soundscape is one of its defining features. Allowing weapons testing here would damage not only the ecosystem but also the identity and serenity that draw visitors and sustain local residents.

5. Lack of Clear Local Benefit

This project provides no meaningful economic or community benefit to the residents of Lewis or Essex County. It is a private, defense-related testing operation that would bring noise, safety risks, and heavy truck traffic — not stable jobs or public investment. Our town has no emergency infrastructure, noise monitoring plan, or environmental enforcement mechanism equipped to handle such an industrial activity. The risks fall squarely on the community, while the rewards go elsewhere.

6. Request for Public Accountability and Environmental Review Given these issues, I respectfully ask the Adirondack Park Agency to:

1. Deny the permit for APA Project No. 2021-0276 in its current form.
2. Require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that includes year-round, site-specific sound studies and independent wildlife assessments.
3. Hold a formal public hearing in the Town of Lewis to ensure that residents' voices are heard and documented.
4. Consider the precedent this project would set for future weapons-related or high-impact testing operations in the Adirondack Park.

Conclusion

As residents, we care deeply about the land, the peace of our homes, and the shared beauty of this region. The proposed test range is incompatible with the values, safety, and character of Lewis and the Adirondack Park as a whole. The way this project has been presented to the community — and the dismissive attitude displayed at the Firehouse meeting — have only reinforced that this proposal does not belong here. I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to deny this permit and to continue protecting the people, wildlife, and spirit of the Adirondacks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea C.W

Landowner, Town of Lewis, NY

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Comments from: LeAnne R King
Email from: LeAnne.R.King@gmail.com
Address: 106 Roaring Brook Ln New Russia NY 12964
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

With all of the restrictions for the Adirondack Park, I am amazed that a weapons range would even be considered. The impacts to the environment and the community are obvious. In testing weapons, obviously flora and fauna would be damaged/killed, along with terrifying livestock and people. What happens if a test goes wrong?? The impacts of this can only be negative.

This could only bring damage to the north country and would open up pandoras box for other initiatives that would be harmful to nature and our community.

We moved up here ten years ago, to enjoy nature and the beauty of the Park, please do not put that in jeopardy.

Thank you,

LeAnne King

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Lise Huckins

October 20, 2025

To: Adirondack Park Agency

Re: APA Project No. 2021-0276 (Lewis, NY)

Attn: Frederick Aldinger

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

You've probably gotten a few letters from me over the period of time that this application has been pending. My opinion on the subject has not changed significantly in that I remain opposed to Mr. Hopmeier's application to test howitzer missile shells at his property in Lewis, NY. I am a full-time resident in Lewis, located less than 2 miles from his location. As previously stated, I remain concerned about the noise level, pollution, and safety of this project and its impact to my town and the surrounding area. In particular, the noise already occurring at his property has been scary and has frightened my pets. What has made things worse is the clear lack of transparency and honesty that Mr. Hopmeier has in dealing with local residents regarding this matter.

Recently, there was a town meeting in which Mr. Hopmeier tried to address local concerns about the recent military exercise over our homes involving low flying aircraft. While Mr. Hopmeier initially stated that he would not address concerns about the howitzer application, the conversation of course swayed in that direction at times. What was very clear over the course of this meeting was the absolute refusal of Mr. Hopmeier to acknowledge the real lived experience of residents in the area as a result of his choice to contract with the military. Mr. Hopmeier was rude and talked down to everyone who was in attendance. He accused residents of making bad faith arguments but then refused to answer questions when residents attempted to clarify their questions. He insisted that locals did not know what they were talking about when they described the noise and anxiety as a result of this exercise. He repeatedly insisted that low flying aircraft are somehow not as upsetting as chainsaws being operated by actual residents, despite our assertions to the contrary. When asked what he would do to address military overreach, Mr. Hopmeier said he would make concerns known but that he had no ability to modify or regulate the military's behavior. At one point, Mr. Hopmeier stepped forward to get into the face of one of my neighbors who merely asked about repeated gunfire impacting her home. This is not the behavior of someone interested in forming a positive relationship with the town.

The lack of communication regarding the low flying aircraft exercise was brought up repeatedly. Mr. Hopmeier claimed he had done everything he was required to do in terms of giving residents notice of the planned exercise. To be clear - we had less than 12 hours notice to prepare for the sounds of war over our heads. Residents noted that the exercise went beyond the

stated time and location boundaries, and that it was only when complaints were lodged that the exercise was limited. When we asked what he would do differently in the future so that residents had adequate notice, Mr. Hopmeier turned the question around and said that residents should come up with their own plan. I suggested perhaps a postcard with dates and his response was that he couldn't be bothered to do that. Mr. Hopmeier is making thousands, if not millions, of dollars from the military through his contract - but he somehow expects Lewis residents, who are just trying to live and work in our little mountain town, to fix his problem rather than take the necessary steps to ensure good communication. Mr. Hopmeier did share some information in that meeting that was helpful, but only after being repeatedly pressed to do so. It was suggested that Mr. Hopmeier needs to do better in communicating with the people who live here and disclosure of said information could go a long way toward resolving our concerns. Mr. Hopmeier made it clear that he only wanted to talk to Supervisor Monty who is already on board with this plan.

Given his inability to work productively with the residents of this town, I have severe concerns about Mr. Hopmeier's ability to provide for our safety while he operates weapons down the road. Moreover, Mr. Hopmeier's statement that he cannot regulate or modify the military's plans is alarming. As the landowner, he would be responsible to ensure that the military plans are followed and respond to any concerns raised. His behavior however suggests that he is not able or willing to do so. Multiple parties asked about safety measures but were again rebuffed with the attitude of 'it's not your problem, the military doesn't make mistakes.' As a person who is alive in the world, I am aware that mistakes happen all the time, and military mistakes tend to be more deadly. Mr. Hopmeier lacks basic respect for the town of Lewis and its residents in supposing that somehow we are incapable of seeing what is before our own eyes and ears.

As a post-script to this missive, I have reviewed a letter from Mr. Hopmeier to the residents of Lewis responding to the town meeting. His description of the meeting does not match my experience of the same at all. I remain concerned about his ability to deal with the community in an honest manner given his willingness to misrepresent actual events. Moreover, Mr. Hopmeier implies that we have an obligation to support his military contract and that, if we do not, we are not good citizens. While he states that we are allowed to disagree, the right to do so must be earned by supporting this endeavor. I respectfully disagree and will not abide his attempt to make this a political discussion.

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Email from: Ltotten12@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The mission of the APA, as I understand it, is to assiduously protect an area where the small towns are uniquely rural and unspoiled, and the wild areas remain wild. As a resident of a nearby town, I object, on many levels, to the proposal for installation and operation of a "weapons range", using massively destructive weapons of war, in the Town of Lewis, inside the Park. It utterly contradicts the purposes for which the Park land is dedicated. It would destroy the tranquil environment that residents and visitors cherish. The noise would disrupt wildlife habitat and the routines of farm and domestic animals. It is simply a ludicrous proposal, and I hope the APA will recognize its duty and deny this application.

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is a stupid idea. Nobody wants to listen to that. Find a place in the desert, not a recreational wilderness park with people living next door. That testing will be heard for 50 miles.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mark Piper
Email from: Mark.piper1@aol.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Keep weapons testing at Fort Drum. Please no private heavy weapons in or around the Adirondacks. Thank you

From: Lea Crowningshield <leacrowningshield@gmail.com>
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Formal Opposition to APA Project No. 2021-0276

Project: Unconventional Concepts, Inc. – Proposed Ballistics Test Range, Lewis, NY

To:

Mr. Frederick Aldinger

Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

P.O. Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

Subject: Formal Opposition to APA Project No. 2021-0276 `1Proposed Ballistics and Weapons Testing Range in Lewis, Essex County

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

This correspondence constitutes a formal opposition to the pending permit application (APA Project No. 2021-0276) submitted by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) for the construction and operation of a ballistics testing range in the Town of Lewis, Essex County, New York. Following review of the application materials, including the H2H Geoscience & Engineering “Scope of Work” and Sound Analyses / Sound Study Reports (September 2022–September 2023), the proposed project demonstrates substantial technical and procedural deficiencies that preclude informed approval under the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

1. Deficiencies and Inconsistencies in the Sound Study

The submitted H2H Sound Study (September 2023) lacks sufficient technical rigor to characterize the true acoustic impacts of the proposed activity. Data collection occurred only on December 20–21, 2022, under winter, snow-covered conditions that artificially suppress ambient noise levels and underestimate sound propagation. The analysis relied on proxy data from the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment (FFI) for a 155mm M109 Field

Howitzer, rather than site-specific measurements. The study did not model cumulative or long-term noise exposure or assess impulse peaks exceeding 100–130 dB(A), which are inconsistent with NYSDEC Program Policy DEP-00-1 (Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts). The combination of limited sampling and non-local modeling renders the conclusions unreliable for regulatory decision-making.

2. Incomplete Project Definition and Unverified Mitigation Measures

The project description exhibits internal inconsistencies and lacks empirical validation for its proposed mitigation. Application materials alternately describe a 330-yard range and a 100-foot firing pad with a 590-foot target area, suggesting that the scope and operational footprint are not fixed. The 13-foot sound mitigation berm is unsupported by quantitative modeling or field verification of attenuation efficiency. The applicant provides no plan for soil or groundwater monitoring to address potential accumulation of propellant residues, metallic fragments, or chemical byproducts. Given the site's proximity to State Land classified as Wild Forest and wetland areas, failure to evaluate contaminant transport or runoff pathways constitutes a significant omission under SEQRA §617.7(c)(1)(iii).

3. Environmental and Ecological Impacts Noise and Vibration: The proposed use of a 155mm howitzer, even without explosive warheads, is expected to generate high-intensity acoustic events. Repetitive impulse noise of this magnitude can exceed 100 dB(A) at nearby receptors, producing measurable impacts on both human receptors and wildlife. Habitat and Species Disturbance: The 197-acre project site and its buffer zone overlap potential habitats for avian and mammalian species sensitive to acoustic disturbance. Repeated high-decibel events can alter nesting success, feeding behavior, and migration routes. Water and Soil Quality: No baseline environmental sampling or contaminant risk analysis has been provided. The lack

of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), groundwater monitoring protocol, or hazardous residue management plan prevents a complete evaluation of potential adverse effects.

4. Land Use Classification and Regulatory Incompatibility

The project site is located within an area classified as “Rural Use” under the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan. This classification restricts development to low-intensity, non-industrial activities consistent with the protection of natural resources and the maintenance of open-space character. A ballistics testing facility—by design, an industrial and defense-oriented use—is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this designation. Approval would establish a precedent for incompatible land uses within a protected resource management zone, contrary to APA policy and the Park's legislative framework.

5. Procedural Deficiencies and Public Process

The administrative record reflects insufficient public disclosure and engagement for a project of this magnitude. There has been no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared under SEQRA, despite evident potential for significant adverse impacts on noise, habitat, and water resources. Before any determination of significance, the APA should: (1) Require preparation of a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing the cumulative and year-round operational effects; (2) Commission an independent sound study conforming to NYSDEC DEP-00-1 standards; and (3) Conduct a formal public hearing within the Town of Lewis to ensure a transparent record.

6. Requests for Corrective Action

Based on the deficiencies identified above, I respectfully request that the Adirondack Park Agency: (1) Deny the

permit application for APA Project No. 2021-0276; (2) Mandate a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under SEQRA; (3) Commission an independent sound and environmental impact analysis using NYSDEC-approved methods; and (4) Defer further action until the applicant demonstrates compliance with APA and SEQRA procedural and substantive requirements.

Conclusion

The documentation submitted by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. fails to meet the evidentiary and procedural thresholds required for project approval within the Adirondack Park. The deficiencies in acoustic modeling, environmental analysis, and land-use consistency preclude a finding of no significant impact. Accordingly, the application should be denied pending comprehensive environmental review and independent verification of all claimed mitigation measures.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W

Landowner, Town of Lewis, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: melissa wilson
Email from: mwilson@beadk.com
Address: 959 Wall St Diamond Point NY 12824
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This sacred land should not be exploited by any projectiles! They create loud noises that will disturb the natural order including humans and other living creatures! Please keep our lands sacred and free from unnecessary intrusions.

I respectfully ask you to consider my comments, Melissa Wilson

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Meredith Parsons
Email from: parsonsmeredith21@gmail.com
Address: 14 Rock Way Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposed project is completely out of place in the beautiful peacefulness of the Adirondack Park. That you would even consider agreeing to this loud, dangerous and completely inappropriate use of the Adirondacks is astonishing.

Sincerely,
Meredith Parsons

From: Bates, Angela (APA)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:10 AM
To: AldingerIII, Frederick W (APA); Burth, John M (APA)
Cc: McKeever, Keith P (APA); Brosseau, Benjamin (APA); Petith, Stephanie L (APA)
Subject: FW: Correspondence [Adamowicz, Michael] #1385167P

Please see the below for addition to the public comments for Project 2021-0276.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:03 AM
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Mx. Michael Adamowicz
121 Otoole lane
Keene, New York 12942
Phone 4022082548
michaelwadamowicz@gmail.com
County _Other New York
Addressed to: Governor

Email Subject: !! Urgent - Potential Artillery Munitions Testing Site in Lewis NY !!

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Incoming Correspondence:

Governor Hochul,

I wanted to bring to your attention the fact a private company is seeking approval to do artillery weapon testing in Lewis, NY. My concerns relate to the environmental impact, the impact on wildlife and the impact on the surrounding community. My family owns a parcel of property close to this site, and it is intended to be a wildlife refuge. This is now in jeopardy. Your intervention is needed because without your intervention, it is possible these activities may be approved in November, and this could lead to irreversible harms to NY, its wildlife and citizens in the surrounding areas.

Unfortunately, I have only now become aware of this project, hence the desperate appeal for your help. This is a link to an article from Oct. 16, 2025 which provides some detail about this project.

<https://www.adirondackexplorer.org/community-news/government/howitzer-testing-range-moves-forward/>

Environmental Concerns: The plan is currently to test 155mm rounds 30 days per year, shooting them into sand in the side of a mountain. The potential for ground water and stream contamination in this case is significant. Rounds such as these contain heavy metals such as lead, mercury and uranium. By blasting them into a sandy hill, the surface of these rounds will be immediately scoured, and the remnants are then free to be washed downgradient and to filter into the ground water. There is no way to safeguard against such contamination, and the impacts would spread far and wide, potentially contaminating the ground water supply of the surrounding community.

Impact on Wildlife: Artillery testing impacts wildlife through potential habitat displacement, physical hazards like direct injury from projectiles and behavioral and physiological stress caused by loud noise and vibrations. Given the frequency of testing and the significant size of the artillery shells being tested, it is likely this will be an ongoing dilemma which will stretch for miles. Displaced animals will seek safety elsewhere and this can impact surrounding communities. This can come in the form of increased intrusions into communities as well as increased potential for unintended dangerous encounters with wildlife as they seek safety and migrate through surrounding areas and streets. Other impacts can include decreased reproductive success, altered foraging patterns, and in some cases, death, especially for vulnerable populations. Lastly, contaminants can also negatively affect local flora and fauna, including aquatic life and migratory fish, and disrupt livestock and pets .

Impact on the Surrounding Communities: Artillery testing impacts surrounding communities through noise and environmental pollution and this also leads to economic damages which can include devalued properties and costs associated with increased needs for testing and remediation. A single artillery discharge can reach over 178 decibels, and the sound can travel for over 100 miles depending on weather and terrain, significantly impacting areas far beyond the testing range. This noise can interrupt work and school, sleep, conversations and the overall peaceful enjoyment of property, something those in the mountains are accustomed and entitled to. Such significant noise can also lead to property and hearing damage.

As mentioned earlier, artillery testing also creates environmental and health risks from contaminants which can pollute soil, water, and air, affecting wildlife and potentially humans through ingestion or inhalation. Newer "insensitive munitions" can also leave behind long-lasting toxic residues that contaminate soil and groundwater. These contaminants can pollute drinking water sources, soil, and groundwater, harming both ecosystems and human health. The practice of open burning munitions can also create toxic clouds that can spread contaminants over surrounding communities. And while health concerns are primary, economic damages will also likely occur due to the noise pollution and environmental pollution which will lead to devalued properties and the potential for lost revenue from tourism and lost jobs.

Conclusion: As you can see, the approval of munitions testing in Lewis, NY would have lasting irreversible effects

on the environment, the wild and on the surrounding community. Approval of this project would also open the doors for further such projects in the Adirondaks. This cannot be allowed, and we need you to step in and put a stop to this while this is still possible.

Thank you for your time reading this.

Michael Adamowicz
402-208-2548

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Address:
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My Comments:

No

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My Comments:

To All Concerned,

I object to any artillery / weapon testing being approved in Lewis, NY. My concerns relate to the impact on wildlife and the environment as well as the impact on the surrounding community. My family owns a parcel of property close to this site, and it is intended to be a wildlife refuge. I am requesting you postpone approval of this project until further investigation is done regarding the impact on the environment, wildlife and the community. I am also requesting a realistic path to remedies for anyone harmed during these activities be established, and that this be published and vetted prior to approving this project.

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Also, although the applicant denies any of the materials used could lead to environmental contamination, there is currently no path to financial remedies clearly outlined for those who experience damages if contamination or other damages occurred. As a past landlord who was on the hook for millions of dollars in environmental cleanup fees due to a tenant's decision to illegally dump chemicals into a storm drain, I am intimately aware with the outcomes one can experience because of such behaviors. In my case, the tenant declared bankruptcy, the owner paid a \$10,000 fine and we paid over \$15 million in cleanup and related fees. Approval of this testing site without

safeguards and established routes for realistically attainable remedies would be irresponsible.

A single artillery discharge can reach over 178 decibels, and the sound can travel for many miles depending on weather and terrain, significantly impacting areas far beyond the testing range. This noise can interrupt work and school, sleep, conversations and the overall peaceful enjoyment of property, something those in the mountains are accustomed and entitled to. Among other things, this can also lead to economic damages including devalued properties, costs associated with increased needs for testing and remediation and lost revenue from hunting and tourism activities. There has also already been complaints of farm animals also being impacted by military training nearby and this would exacerbate these conditions.

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Comments from: Nancy Archer
Email from: nancyarcher@gmail.com
Address: Hague Ny 12836
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to the approval of this application. The use of land in the Adirondack Park for weapons testing is far outside the boundaries of the nature preserve that exemplifies the Adirondack Park. Approval of this application would set a precedent for use of the park for weapons testing and development that would disrupt the quiet and nature. Please preserve the Adirondacks and do not approve this application.

Regards,
Nancy Archer

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Nicole Holehan
Email from: Chaletadk@gmail.com
Address: Jay NY 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I'm writing as a resident of the Adirondacks to express my opposition to the proposed firing range. While I understand the value of providing safe places for shooting, I'm deeply concerned about the environmental, safety, and community impacts this project could have on our region.

The Adirondacks are defined by their natural quiet, wildlife, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Introducing a firing range would disrupt the peace that residents and visitors alike treasure, affect nearby wildlife, and diminish the experience of hikers, campers, and families who come here seeking tranquility.

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Comments from: Perry Teillon
Email from: pteillon@gmail.com
Address: 3270 Essex Road Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I find it difficult to find the right words to describe how contrary to the concept of the "forever wild" is the proposal to have military training and howitzer firing in the Adirondack Park, even if on private land. Helicopters, howitzers disrupt the natural beauty and environment of the Park. Recently a military projectile fired over a highway in California unintentionally broke apart over the highway. There is nothing to suggest that the same thing would not occur when done by a private company. If this is to be permitted under the constitutional provision that created the park it should be proposed as a constitutional amendment and approved by all New York voters as has always been done in a situation such as this.

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Email aghd55@gmail.com

Subject an adjudicatory hearing.....

Message I hear there is a need for an adjudicatory hearing. About some Florida based company that wants to test ballistics in the ADKs?! So, host the hearing. thanks

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Dear. Mr. Aldinger,

I am a landowner in Lewis, NY, and I strongly oppose the drills of Howitzers in the Adirondack Park.

The use of such military artillery within the park is incompatible with the domestic needs of residents, the ecological needs of wildlife, and recreational uses by visitors. The explosive noise of such artillery is invasive over long distances.

Already, we had military helicopters flying directly over our heads this season!

This is not a military base. The testing of military artillery and the use of private land for military purposes should have no place here.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Bradley
APA address: Fox Run Rd., Lewis NY

From: Sara Sheldon <sara.sheldon1014@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 4:09 PM
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Please no weapons-testing facility in the ADK park.

We are here for the peace and solitude. We don't need our peace and quiet interrupted with weapon testing.

Sara Sheldon

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Email from: sireland1@gmail.com
Address: 1417 Charley Hill Road Schroon Lake NY 12870
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I believe that this testing within the Adirondack Preserve not be permitted and urge the APA to reject this petition.

The US military, for whom this testing is obviously being done, already has a two million acre weapons test facility in White Sands, New Mexico - this is where this sort of testing should be done, and traditionally has been done.

Further, the former US Navy test facility in Vieques, Puerto Rico, has been closed and is listed as a hazardous waste site on a priority cleanup list. We cannot risk turning the proposed test facility - privately owned or not - into another SuperFund site, particularly in a sensitive and stressed environment.

Just last week, the military performed artillery testing in California, and insisted that there was no safety risk at all. However, shrapnel from the testing struck the Vice President's vehicle traveling on a closed, public highway. If an error like this can happen there, it can happen here, and the risk to the surrounding population, wildlife and environment is too great to take a chance that this operation will be any better.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ireland
Schroon Lake, NY

From: Shane Kramer <kramericashane@gmail.com>
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Subject: Project 2021-0276;Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the howitzer testing facility in Lewis, NY. This type of project does not belong in such close proximity to a residential community or within the boundary of the Adirondack Park.

The noise generated from this project will have a negative impact on the quality of life and property values in the town of Lewis. I also believe not enough research has been done to determine the noise impact on wildlife in the adjacent Jay Mtn wilderness area.

Recently, without any warning, I had multiple Blackhawk helicopters fly directly over my house while preparing dinner. Later, I learned they were associated with military training operations conducted by the applicant, Michael Hopmeier. This type of activity is not compatible within a small rural community. Mr. Hopmeier has demonstrated that he has little concern for the residents of Lewis. I view the howitzer testing project as a 'foot in the door' to more disruptive and damaging activities.

Furthermore, the proposed use is not compatible with the APA land use area it is located in.
(See below)

f. Rural use areas. (1) Character description. Rural use areas, delineated in yellow on the plan map, are those areas where natural resource limitations and public considerations necessitate fairly stringent development constraints. These areas are characterized by substantial acreages of one or more of the following: fairly shallow soils, relatively severe slopes, significant ecotones, critical wildlife habitats, proximity to scenic vistas or key public lands. In addition, these areas are frequently remote from existing hamlet areas or are not readily accessible.

Consequently, these areas are characterized by a low level of development and variety of rural uses that are generally compatible with the protection of the relatively intolerant natural resources and the preservation of open space.

These areas and the resource management areas provide the essential open space atmosphere that characterizes the park.

(2) Purposes, policies and objectives. The basic purpose and objective of rural use areas is to provide for and encourage those rural land uses that are consistent and compatible with the relatively low tolerance of the areas' natural resources and the preservation of the open spaces that are essential and basic to the unique character of the park. Another objective of rural use areas is to prevent strip development along major travel corridors in order to enhance the aesthetic and economic benefit derived from a park atmosphere along these corridors.

Residential development and related development and uses should occur on large lots or in relatively small clusters on carefully selected and well designed sites. This will provide for further diversity in residential and related development opportunities in the park.

Shane Kramer
225 Redmond Road

Lewis, NY 12950

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Sharon Piper
Email from: pipersbb@aol.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't think that this project aligns with the charter or vision of what the Adirondack park is supposed to be. I believe there would be a greater negative impact on people and the environment that would outweigh any benefit from military testing at that location. please consider a rigorous review before allowing this to happen.. there are other locations that would be more appropriate for this activity.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Susan DeFichy
Email from: Sdefichy@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 153 Newcomb New York 12852
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Totally opposed to the outrageous proposal to test fire ammunition from heavy artillery in the Adirondacks This area is a haven for wildlife, private homes, and recreational activities for New Yorkers who appreciate the outdoors and not a locale for munitions testing. Maybe try testing these devices at Mar-a-lago in Florida. Thank you for soliciting public comment on a dumb idea.

From: Tim Stephen <tim.stephen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 2:02 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: APA Project ID: 2021-0276

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Dear APA,

Using your online system, I twice tried to submit a comment on APA 2021-0276. However, each time I clicked the submit button, I received a 404- Forbidden error message. I would appreciate it if you would add my comment to those you are collecting prior to your review and decision about this issue. If to be considered/added to the public record, my text needs to be submitted through your form, please let me know, in which case I would appreciate your guidance on how to successfully use your form.

My comment:

I'm opposed to using the ADK park for munitions firing, testing, etc. This use is clearly anathema to the traditional understanding of the purpose of the Park -- the conservation of natural beauty, its wildlife and its unique provision of a protected space for the ever-decreasing opportunities for human encounter with the unspoiled, natural world. It is hard to imagine how use of any area of the Park for military exercises, training, or weapons development could be construed as consistent with that purpose. I live in the Cranberry Lake area where we are frequently overflowed by military aircraft operating out of Fort Drum. Low flying helicopters and sonic-boom emitting jets are disruptive of habitat for animals and humans -- the sonic booms shake my house and scare everyone as they are unexpected, sudden and violent. With the exception of the artifact of the sonic booms, I imagine that the military overflights are legal, since the military is overflying the Park, not landing in it. We all understand the importance of supporting our military, but the ADK Park should not explicitly permit the establishment of military or paramilitary training or weapons testing facilities anywhere within the Park itself.

Many thanks,

Tim Stephen
tim.stephen@gmail.com <<mailto:tim.stephen@gmail.com>> Wanakena, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tom Olmstead
Email from: weedwacker436@yahoo.com
Address: 12972
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

While noise and how it has been determined is questionable, more of a concern is the chemical composition of the barrel linings being tested. How do they propose to address this? Are these linings a trade secret and not able to divulge? How do we know they are safe for the environment? What controls will be in place to prevent any chemicals of an unknown type from leaching into the ground water and aquifers?
In short, I do not believe that Mr.Hopmeier is interested in protecting the Adirondack Park environment and more likely, interested in making money.
Using this location is akin to building a hunting club in the middle of a wildlife preserve and defies common sense.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Warren Noble
Email from: wwnoble.wn@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I believe the Adirondack park should be protected from encroachment by building a howitzer test and firing range. This type of activity should not be permitted in the park. Sincerely Warren Noble

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Willian Crumley
Email from: bbcrumley78@gmail.com
Address: 395 Deerhead Rd Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live 4 miles from this site. I do not feel that we need military in this section of the Adirondack Park. This is a residential and trails of the park. There are more places than this to do this kind of testing. I don't think this is good for our area.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Amy Heffner
Email from: amyheffner@hotmail.com
Address: Essex New York 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must require a full EIS, independent baseline testing (soil, groundwater, noise), a DoD-level range safety plan with mapped danger zones, and financial assurance for cleanup — or deny the proposal outright. (Cite: APA Project P2021-0276 public notice; APA staff memos; EPA guidance on munitions contamination; peer-reviewed studies on shooting range contaminants.) PMC+3apa.ny.gov+3ht.apa.ny.gov+3 Final blunt takeaway This proposal trades hard, permanent environmental and community harms for a narrow technical testing benefit that can be obtained far better — and much more safely — at established, engineered military test ranges designed for that work. There is no legitimate public-interest reason to locate high-energy, large-caliber testing inside the Adirondack Park where people live, drink, fish, and rely on the landscape for livelihoods and ecological services.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter which could negatively impact the community of Lewis permanently.

Sincerely,
Amy Heffner

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Andrea Barrett
Email from: afbarrett@mac.com
Address: 100 Hurley Rd Westport NY 12993-3314
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I strongly oppose APA Project P2021-9276. It's completely unsuited to this rural area, risking contamination to soil and groundwater, massive disruption to wildlife, and great disturbance to both residents and visitors. In all ways it's antithetical to the history and stated missions of the Park. The APA must require a full EIS, independent baseline testing of soil, groundwater, and noise levels, a DoD-level range safety plan, and financial guarantees for cleanup--which the small communities surrounding the project would be totally unable to manage. Or, better, deny the project outright. It bears all the hallmarks of a project designed by someone not local to the area, who wants only to strip the community of its assets.

From: Annie Nelson <a.nelson.elizabeth@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 5:11 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment – Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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To the Members of the Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal by Unconventional Concepts to establish a weapons testing range in the Town of Lewis, New York, for testing the internal ballistics of a 155mm howitzer barrel.

While the proposal may appear limited in scope—up to 30 firings per year—the broader implications of approving such a facility within the Adirondack Park are far more significant. The Adirondacks are cherished for their natural serenity, scenic beauty, and the sense of peace they provide to residents and visitors alike. Introducing weapons testing, even on a small scale, fundamentally conflicts with the character and purpose of this protected region.

The greatest concern lies in the precedent this project would set. Allowing this type of industrial or military-style testing could open the door to future projects of similar or greater magnitude, each gradually eroding the tranquility and integrity of the Park. Once that door is opened, it becomes increasingly difficult to close.

Noise pollution, ecological disruption, and the diminished quality of life for residents are all valid and immediate issues—but the long-term consequence is far more troubling: the normalization of militarized activity in an area long defined by environmental stewardship and peaceful recreation.

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to reject this proposal and uphold the core values that make the Adirondack Park a refuge from industrial and military encroachment. Protecting this landscape requires foresight—not only for the current generation, but for those who will inherit the Park and its legacy of peace, beauty, and natural balance.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Best,
Annie Nelson (RN and Etown Resident)

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Ashley Hooper
Email from: ashley.m.hooper89@gmail.com
Address: 155 Denton Rd. Elizabethtown NY 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As someone who lives close to this proposed project with young children, I vehemently oppose this proposal for personal reasons that are obvious, so I will spare the details. As an environmentally conscious citizen who moved to the Adirondacks for the natural beauty, ecology and unique park living only found here, I cannot understand how this idea is even being entertained. See below for the list of infractions and harm this project will bring to the Jay Mountain WILDERNESS:

Noise impact: A 155 mm howitzer produces peak noise levels exceeding 150 dB at the source; even at distance, this can exceed thresholds for residential disturbance and wildlife disruption.

Safety risk: Firing large projectiles involves potential for ricochet or range overshoot. The proposed 197-acre site provides limited containment compared to standard ballistic-test facilities.

Environmental impact: Metal fragments and dust could enter soil and waterways. The Adirondack region includes protected habitats; noise and physical disturbance can alter wildlife activity.

Land use conflict: The area is zoned "Rural Use," which under APA regulations prioritizes low-intensity residential, agricultural, and recreational activities — not weapons testing.

Economic and property considerations: Weapons testing operations may reduce nearby property values and deter recreation-based tourism that supports the local economy.

Infrastructure strain: Equipment transport and maintenance will increase heavy-vehicle traffic on local roads not designed for industrial loads.

Regulatory precedent: Approving this project could establish a precedent for other industrial or defense-related uses within a protected, low-density region.

From: Barry Ballinger <booballinger@gmail.com>
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Dear APA,

I recently heard news of the proposed weapons testing plan for the Adirondacks. My family moved to the Adirondacks for the peace, solitude and environmental conservation for which these glorious 6 millions acres exemplify. To think of bringing in a weapons testing facility goes against everything the Adirondacks region represents. I have personally heard the helicopters overhead many times and it's not a pleasant sound or sight to see, to add to it the reverberating sounds of artillery would be very irritating at best but more so, be a detriment to the regions wildlife, tranquility and character for which I moved here. Send this project elsewhere to somewhere more appropriate (if any).

Barry Ballinger
Lake Placid

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Michael Keaton's letter in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise of October 23 says it well, so I won't elaborate other than to say that I totally agree with his conclusion that the Adirondack Park exists because people wanted to protect our six million acres from outside forces which could be detrimental to this sacred place. Let Mr. Hopmeier take his noisy and destructive (the very nature of weapons is to destroy, is it not?) elsewhere.

Barry Lobdell
bklobdell@icloud.com

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Member - Adirondack Artists Guild
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Christine Mooney
Email from: Biorocks28@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Absolutely not. Rural areas are often misused. This is another example of a few people who want to use beautiful public land for their whims. These acres are meant to be safe havens for people to be able to wander, children included. There are designated areas for use of ballistic weapons. This isn't one of them. Find some private land and do whatever it is you need to do and leave the bit of public land left to public ownership to be used by all safely and securely. I can't imagine the noise pollution involved with this let alone the air and land pollution that will follow.

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Comments from: Deb Hall
Email from: Halld3685@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is completely inappropriate for the Adirondack Park. The people and animals that reside here do not want to hear the loud noises associated with this testing. This is why we are all here. Please go elsewhere.

From: AldingerIII, Frederick W (APA)
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Petith, Stephanie L (APA)
Subject: Fw: Weapons range in the Adirondack Park

Another one to save. thanks

From: Debbie Biasini <camperz3@charter.net>
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Good morning and I am writing to express my concern of putting a weapons range in the Adirondack Park. I do not want this here. A military weapons testing range will do a great deal of harm to the Adirondack Park. The noise will not only be harmful to humans but to the animals as well. It will destroy animal habitat and food sources for animals.

This company that wants to test here can test in their home state and save the transportation of the weapons and destroying our environment and peace.

Thank you for listening. I appreciate it.
Debbie Biasini
Sent from my iPad

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Diane Peebles
Email from: Rocko2012@twcny.rr.com
Address: PO Box 248 Natural Bridge New York 13665
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Agency members: I would like to comment on the proposed permit request concerning the Ballistics testing in the Adirondacks. I do not reside in the Adirondacks, but have visited various places and businesses all my life and am very concerned about this request for permit on the site. I live in Natural Bridge New York and my home is located approximately 1/4 mile from the Fort Drum Army base and have endured the training for over 40 plus years. We know what it's like to feel the house move when they set off the big guns, hear the noise at all hours of the night including 2 a.m. and see the lights of flares in the sky during the night. My husband and I are both retired civilians from working on Fort Drum. We know this is necessary training for our troops, but do not believe the Adirondacks is the place for such training!

Please consider the following concerns when discussing the request for testing:

1. First and for most, there is a threat of fire while testing. A few weeks ago, here locally, live fire training took place and started a brush fire in which the fire departments could NOT fight due to not knowing where LIVE MUNITIONS were in the area. There is a current burn ban in place as well due to drought conditions. This same scenario would be life threatening and devastating to the Adirondacks!
2. High noise levels will drive wildlife to areas currently where humans live. Both residents, hikers, pet owners, businesses would start seeing unusual numbers of animals moving in.
3. Contamination of soils and water sources/ trash. What happens to the stuff left behind? Toxic chemicals?

Although I support our troops' need for training, (it's the sound of my protection) we do have places already built for such and in my opinion should not be in the pristine mountains. There are many more concerns that I do not even know about that would impact the proposed area for the ballistic testing.

Thank you for considering the above concerns I personally have in regards to the Ballistics Testing on Private

Lands.

Sincerely,

Diane Peebles
Resident of Natural Bridge NY

From: Janne Abreo <Janne.Abreo.1186645309@foradvocacy.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 10:24 AM
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Subject: Please hold an adjudicatory hearing for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

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Dear Executive Director Rice,

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to hold a formal adjudicatory hearing on the proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Testing Project in the Town of Lewis (P2021-0276) for the following reasons:

1. Ballistics Testing Is Incompatible With the APA Act.

Introducing private projectile testing sets a troubling precedent that conflicts with the Park's conservation purpose. Rural Use is one of the Park's most sensitive private land classifications, intended to protect open space, wildlife, and quiet rural character. Authorizing a private ballistics range would contradict these purposes and undermine the land use vision for the region.

2. Noise and Environmental Impacts Are Not Fully Examined.

The applicant's noise analysis lacks sufficient detail to show there will be no undue adverse impact on nearby homes, wildlife, recreation areas, or the Park's natural soundscape.

3. A Full Adjudicatory Hearing Is Necessary.

There are unresolved legal, environmental, and community questions that demand expert review and public transparency.

In conclusion, please hold an adjudicatory hearing on the Hopmeier Project, given the groundswell of local and public interest, the unprecedented nature of this project, and the potential impacts to human and wild communities.

Sincerely,

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Comments from: Kathy Nadire
Email from: kathynadire@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I write to stridently oppose the proposed weapons range testing facility: Project P2021-0276 Frankly I can't conceive how this would even be considered as something to have in the ADIRONDACKS of all places! This is so far removed from everything that the Adirondacks represent!
I agree with what others have written- that this would" create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effect and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife."
In the name of all that is holy, pure, and wild, please leave the Adirondacks alone and find another place for this facility!!

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Marc Skarshinski
Email from: mskar@atlilc.com
Address: 961 Sunset Drive Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My wife and I live full time in Virginia Beach, next to Fort Story, a joint expeditionary base used for Navy Seal training. They set off bombs both in the ocean and on land at roughly the intervals that this applicant is describing. My dogs are TERRIFIED regularly by this completely incongruous land use. I doubt the APA is seriously considering this complete knuckleheads fantasy about operating a Howitzer testing facility, but I have the following questions. 1) what century is this? Last I knew the US was waging wars with drones and cyber-attacks, not the guns of navarone. 2) How is this land-use even being considered by the APA. It took me 4 months, a blood sample, and the promise of a bj just to get a GARAGE built...on 30 acres of land! Sorry Matthew Brown, I'll be renegeing on that last promise. Am I kidding? Yes? Wait, am I? Maybe? Furthermore, I watched this guys little performance at the Lewis town hall meeting, it made national news. He strikes me as a total and utter TOOL, likely a tool with a traumatic brain injury from what I heard. You guys need to shut this door HARD or you'll be repelling applications from weird goons for the next 20 years. Thank you for your consideration. By the way if one were starting a cult, does the APA have jurisdiction? Asking for a friend.

From: Margaret Miller <margie.miller.reuther@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 3:22 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: "Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger"

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I am strongly opposed to Michael Hopmeier's proposal to permit the testing of howitzers in Lewis. The testing of military weapons for a private, unidentified client should not be allowed by the APA. The powerful noise from the explosions will literally destroy the peace and quiet of the people in Lewis, and neighboring communities. This project is the antithesis of what should be allowed within the Park. Mr. Hopmeier has shown that he is not to be trusted. His earlier military operation with helicopters shows that he has no respect for the community. And I'm certain that unless the APA refuses his proposal, he will ramp up the number of days, and the number of times, he tests the canons. I've looked at his website, Unconventional Concepts, and it is obvious that Mr. Hopmeier sees no boundaries in his use of the property. His headline for the Silo is *Testing Limited Only by the Imagination*. The APA cannot allow him to force a large area of the Adirondack park to endure a barrage of noise and weaponry. This program must be stopped because it would set a dangerous precedent for the APA.

Margaret Reuther
3174 Essex Road
Willsboro, NY 12996

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: mteillon@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: MargaretTeillon
Email from: mteillon@gmail.com
Address: 3270 Essex Road Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Having just learned about this from neighbors, friends, and organizations to which I belong, it is difficult for me to believe that the APA would approve such a measure. Despite being on private land, having helicopters and howitzers blasting within the Adirondack Park would disrupt the natural beauty of the Park. Recently, a military projectile fired over a highway in California unintentionally broke apart over the highway. The same could possibly occur in our beloved "Forever Wild". If this is to be permitted under the constitutional provision that created the Park it should be proposed as a constitutional amendment and approved by all New York voters as has previously been done in situations such as this.

From: Marna Posluszny <mangell05@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 11:30 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public comment re: Hopmeier Project

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Hello -

I am terribly concerned about the negative environmental and community character impacts of the "Hopmeier Project." Military weapons testing range on 197 acres of Rural Use private lands is not consistent with the forever wild designation of the Adirondack Park adjacent to and surrounding this parcel.

Under the APA Act, Rural Use areas are meant to support a *low level of development* and protect sensitive natural resources, community character, and open space.

Testing of this nature could impact wildlife, clean water, recreation, and quiet rural communities, and belongs on secure military installations — not in the middle of the Adirondacks. This proposal is unprecedented, and the APA must require a full adjudicatory hearing before making any decision.

A formal adjudicatory hearing features expert testimony, sworn evidence, and cross-examination in front of an administrative law judge. To my understanding, the APA has not held such a hearing in 14 years, and this controversial and unprecedented project clearly warrants one.

Ballistics testing is incompatible with Rural Use lands and the APA Act. Rural Use is one of the most sensitive private land use classifications found in the Park. This project is not in keeping with the land use characteristics of the region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Marna Angell

518-253-8922

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Mcgraw120@aol.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Martha McGraw
Email from: Mcgraw120@aol.com
Address: Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There is no place for this kind of activity in the Adirondack Park. I am concerned about the impact of these maneuvers on wildlife and on the quality of life for both residents and seasonal visitors/homeowners. Why here? To what end? Who's monitoring this activity? What's next? Shame on whoever sold this guy the site.

From: maureen gilmore <mrngilmore1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 4:22 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276

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To Michael Hopmeier;Frederick Aldinger,
I am writing to oppose the proposal for weapons testing in the Adirondack Park. I live in the park for a reason. This land was set aside for a reason, not for weapons testing. Please do the right thing and decline this project
Thank you,
Maureen Gilmore

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 6:08 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: mjlockett6@yahoo.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: MICHELLE LOCKETT
Email from: mjlockett6@yahoo.com
Address: 1601 Bedell Road Grand Island NY 14072
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I do not think testing ballistic missiles so close to the greatest high peaks in the state, where visitors from all over the world visit is a good idea. The Adirondacks is supposed to be a sanctuary for wildlife and people, the noise and after effects of bombs would disturb the peace and tranquility and pose a risk to animals near by.

From: Peter Bayne <peterbayne@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:59 AM
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Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Frederick and Michael,

As regards NY APA Project #2021-0276, I strenuously oppose this plan. Why this would be of any benefit to the park or to Lewis and the greater Essex county community is beyond me entirely. These exercises hold no use to weapons manufacturers and military testing - the howitzer is a weapon over 100 years old. This is a leisure exercise that will infringe heavily on quality of life for the community and the ecosystem in the park. It is infringing both in terms of the noise violation it will present, the threat to flora and fauna, and because of what it symbolizes and broadcasts broadly to the community about our civic society. We do not need a daily reminder that we are in a violent historical moment - or that neighbors nearby are arming up for a purpose we can only guess at. The park is a place of refuge and peace for wildlife and the people who reside here. Let's keep it that way. There is zero reason for any private resident to be holding and testing weapons of this size and level of destruction in the Adirondacks.

Sincerely,

Peter Bayne

Essex resident of over 42 years

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From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Sarah Reichert
Email from: mcgraw.sarah@gmail.com
Address: M
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This type of activity should not be taking place in the Adirondack Park. It could have devastating effects on wildlife and quality of life for local communities. The Adirondack Park is intended as a natural sanctuary, not violent maneuvers and exercises. I strongly oppose this project and hope the Adirondacks Park Agency does the same.

From: THOMAS MCGRAW <tom020198@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 6:02 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: APA Project 2021 - 0276

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Maintaining the proficiency and preparedness of our armed forces is paramount to our country but once again what this project request demonstrates is the lack of thoughtful analysis by this administration in the superficial plan set forth to test long range guns which endangers civilians , public lands and wildlife needlessly and which lacks any real in depth consideration of alternative locations & logistics which could accomplish the objectives without putting any or all in harms way.

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Abraham Gadway
Email from: adirondackmountainoutfitters@gmail.com
Address: 6627 NY-30 Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am all for this. Having previously served in the military for 24 years, this will be a minimal impact to others.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: schwinbp@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Brian Schwind
Email from: schwinbp@gmail.com
Address: 155 Oak Hollow Rd Jay 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I'm writing as a resident of the Adirondacks to express my opposition to the proposed firing range. While I understand the value of providing safe places for shooting, I'm deeply concerned about the environmental, safety, and community impacts this project could have on our region.

The Adirondacks are defined by their natural quiet, wildlife, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Introducing a firing range would disrupt the peace that residents and visitors alike treasure, affect nearby wildlife, and diminish the experience of hikers, campers, and families who come here seeking tranquility.

There are also practical concerns about noise pollution, safety, and potential contamination from lead and other materials. Once this type of development is allowed, it's difficult to undo the damage to the character of the area.

I urge you to prioritize preserving the Adirondacks' natural soundscape and rural quality of life over projects that threaten them. Please reject this proposal and seek alternatives that align with the region's values of conservation and responsible recreation.

Thank you for your time and consideration

From: Dave MacDougall <somatics@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2025 10:53 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Sirs:

Please deny the application by Michael Hopmeier president of a private security firm in Florida to build a weapons testing facility in the Adirondacks. Surely he can find a more appropriate site than an area such as the Adirondacks with abundant wildlife that would certainly be adversely affected by loud explosions and likely pollution that would be created. Why should citizens of NYS suffer for the profit making agenda of a Florida based business?

Please also consider that many war vets have moved to the ADKS precisely because the quiet and tranquility enables them to heal from their emotional trauma. Why risk reactivating their PTSD for a project that will bring no benefit to New Yorkers?

Thank you for protecting our land and our residents.
Dave MacDougall

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Deborah Adamowicz
Email from: debbiehamm@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

In light of the potential damage to the Adirondack Park from the proposed testing of military-grade ballistics in the Town of Lewis (the "Hopmeier Project"), I strongly urge the APA to hold an adjudicatory hearing as soon as possible.

The damage to the area in terms of air and water quality, to wildlife, to noise levels, to the economic impacts and the quality of life in the area must be fully evaluated.

The Adirondack Park deserves nothing less than a careful, thorough investigation of the potential harm from such a devastating project as this.

From: Elyssa McIntyre <historyiscool@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2025 6:22 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Board and Staff,

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to the proposed application for a weapons range intended for testing the internal ballistics of 155mm cannon barrels on a 197-acre property within the Adirondack Park. My family has been going to Essex, NY (located around ten miles from the proposed site) since WWI, and the approval of this application would significantly degrade the quality of life and the fundamental character of the Park for me and my children.

The core reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. Unacceptable Noise Pollution and Destruction of Wilderness Character

The proposal involves firing a 155mm howitzer up to ****30 times per year****—a massive, concussive sound—on weekdays, between 10 AM and 4 PM.

The Adirondack Park is designated as a place of rest, recreation, and natural preservation. This proposal is a direct and radical assault on the expectation of quiet enjoyment that residents, vacationers, and visitors rely upon. The sound of artillery is simply incompatible with the experience sought in a constitutionally protected wilderness area.

This extreme noise pollution will directly impact the wildlife of the Adirondacks. The Park is a critical habitat, not a military testing ground. Such intense, sudden concussive events will frighten, displace, and disrupt the nesting, mating, and foraging habits of animals over a wide radius. The Park is a refuge for wildlife, not a location for howitzer testing.

2. Inappropriate Industrial/Military Activity for the Adirondack Park

There is absolutely no compelling public need for a private, for-profit security firm to conduct this specific type of ballistics testing within the boundaries of the Adirondack Park.

This proposal effectively sanctions conducting highly disruptive, quasi-military exercises for a private company in a state-protected area known for its wild forest and open space character. This is contrary to the spirit and letter of the APA Act and the State Land Master Plan.

Granting approval would set a dangerous and unacceptable precedent, normalizing heavy industrial and military-grade testing within the Park. This is not an ok activity for a location surrounded by civilian housing and cherished natural resources.

3. History of Severe Disruption and Lack of Regulatory Control

The applicant's prior activities on or near this property demonstrate a clear capacity for excessive and highly disruptive exercises that ignore the needs of the surrounding civilian community.

I am deeply concerned by reports of a previous exercise involving live gunfire and Black Hawk helicopters deployed from Fort Drum flying at extremely low altitudes (250 feet) well into the night, with one report indicating

these exercises ran as late as 3:00 AM.

Such a history shows a disregard for neighboring civilian communities and the fundamental peace of the Park. The APA must recognize that if low-flying military aircraft exercises could be highly disruptive, the concussive, high-decibel discharge of a 155mm howitzer will be significantly worse. This level of noise and activity is wholly inappropriate near civilian housing and recreational areas and must not be permitted.

The proposed weapons range for howitzer testing is entirely incompatible with the mission and protective status of the Adirondack Park. It would introduce extreme noise pollution, threaten wildlife, and fundamentally alter the character of this protected region for the benefit of a private, for-profit entity. I urge the APA to reject this application in its entirety to uphold the constitutional protections afforded to the Adirondack Park.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Elyssa McIntyre

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jacob Tubbs
Email from: Gish13578@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please keep this unnecessary nonsense out of the Adirondack park and at Fort Drum where it belongs.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Larry Shaw
Email from: leshaw4@gmail.com
Address: 146 Seventy Lane Lewis New York 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am a landowner of 191 acres along 70 Lane, and I am writing to strongly urge you to deny this project. This proposal represents an unacceptable precedent for military testing operations within the Adirondack Park—a boundary that should never have been breached in the first place. Our community already endures weekly explosions from the Oak Hill Mine, disrupting our peace and quality of life. Adding another source of explosive testing is completely unreasonable.

It is abundantly clear that Mr. Michael Hopmeier and Mr. Jim Pulsifer have shown no regard for Lewis residents or our community's wellbeing. This project serves only private financial interests while imposing significant burdens on those of us who live here. Given their substantial resources, they have every ability to relocate this testing operation to an appropriate non-park location that doesn't compromise the integrity of the Adirondack Park or further damage our community.

The APA has a responsibility to protect park residents from projects that prioritize profit over preservation and community welfare. I strongly oppose this application and urge its denial.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Marc Roberge-Pika
Email from: Cr4m62@gmail.com
Address: 48 mckinley st apt 4 Lake placid New York 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Testing weapons of war within the Adirondack park is morally unjustifiable and disregards the protection of these lands in the state constitution. Children, veterans, off-duty service members, and frankly all New Yorkers deserve to be able to live free from the potentially triggering sound of cannon fire, and from the likely toxic emissions of experimental propellant for ballistic shells. This testing facility has no place in Essex County and I am ashamed this proposal even reached its present stage.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 11:12 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Aidan Mellin
Email from: aidan.mellin@gmail.com
Address: 62 school st Lake placid Ny
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

What are you even talking about this is a ridiculous proposal. Absolutely not. I can't imagine any kind of testing like that would be quiet, and would then disrupt local wildlife if not also locals and tourists. Just no.

From: Ani Anderson <aanderson@newwayofhealth.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 8:21 PM
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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Ani Anderson and I am a full time resident in Essex County.

"I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must deny the proposal outright. (Cite: APA Project P2021-0276 public notice; APA staff memos; EPA guidance on munitions contamination; peer-reviewed studies on shooting range contaminants.) PMC+[3apa.ny.gov](#)+[3ht.apa.ny.gov](#)+3

This proposal trades hard, permanent environmental and community harms for a narrow technical testing benefit that can be obtained far better — and much more safely — at established, engineered military test ranges designed for that work. There is no legitimate public-interest reason to locate high-energy, large-caliber testing inside the Adirondack Park where people live, drink, fish, and rely on the landscape for livelihoods and ecological services.

Sincerely,

Ani Anderson

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Barbara Green
Email from: Ghbasketry@gmail.com
Address: NY 13420
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not allow this project to move forward. I can't see how it fits into any plan for the Adirondack Park. The risks of noise pollution, environmental pollution, native animal habitat interruption, are just a few reasons. There must be a better place that the supposedly protected Adirondack Park to conduct missile testing.
Please say no.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 9:19 AM
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Comments from: Bonnie Rondeau
Email from: nanahikes@gmail.com
Address: Au Sable Forks NY 12912
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

To: Mr Frederick Aldinger
Re: testing of internal ballistics of canons.
I'm appalled that it's even considered in the Adirondack Park. I'm totally against it.

From: Brian Trzaskos <bt.newhealth@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 6:48 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: "Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger"

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brian Trzaskos and I am a resident of Essex County.

"I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must deny the proposal outright. (Cite: APA Project P2021-0276 public notice; APA staff memos; EPA guidance on munitions contamination; peer-reviewed studies on shooting range contaminants.) PMC+3apa.ny.gov+3ht.apa.ny.gov+3

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Be well,



Brian Trzaskos PT LMT CSCS CMP MI-C

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btrzaskos@newwayofhealth.com



From: Chad Behm <chadbehm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 8:43 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger
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To the Members of the Town Board and Adirondack Park Agency,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Chad Behm

72 Hail Hill Lane

Lewis, NY 12950

cc: [Optional: Town Supervisor of Lewis, Local Conservation Groups, Regional Press

To:
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Doliah Francis
Email from: doliahfrancis@gmail.com
Address: Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I adamantly am against allowing the land to be used in this way. Despite only being fired 30 times per year, this gravel pad and noise pollution WILL impact wildlife habitat quality and behavior. Just as hunting season impacts wildlife behavior temporarily, a weapon range releasing heavy ammunition consistently in a single location will become a focal point for disruptive sound which will cause wildlife to shift their behavioral patterns in the surrounding area in general year round. Additionally, the allowance of using park land in this way will invite more proposals of a similar nature, creating a local land use culture which goes against Adirondack Park conservation and sociological ethics. The Adirondack Park is a climate microrefugia in a rapidly degrading landscape, we must think of what's best for the land and what is a balanced way for humans to live within the landscape if we are to be in any way part of the efforts to mitigate climate crisis.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: scottobernier@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jonathan Obernier
Email from: scottobernier@gmail.com
Address: 51 Ray Brook Rd Ray Brook NY 12977
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed weapons testing range (APA Project 2021-0276) on Hale Hill Lane in the Town of Lewis. This project poses significant concerns for the local environment, community, and overall character of the Adirondack Park.

The noise and vibrations from repeated howitzer test firings—even without explosive warheads—would disrupt wildlife habitats, reduce quality of life for nearby residents, and conflict with the Park's rural and natural setting. Such activity is incompatible with the "Rural Use" land classification and the APA's mission to protect the region's tranquility and ecological integrity.

There are also concerns about potential soil and groundwater contamination from heavy metals and residues, as well as long-term damage to the area's scenic and recreational value.

I urge the Agency to deny this permit and to preserve the peace and natural character that make the Adirondack Park so unique and valuable.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Obernier

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Keith Behm
Email from: Keithbehm@ymail.com
Address: 9617 Us rt 9 Lewis 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I want to make it clear that while I am a proud patriot who deeply respects and supports our military, I strongly oppose the proposed missile silo project in Lewis. I didn't move here to have military testing and aircraft noise invade the quiet, natural beauty that makes the Adirondacks special. This is our home—where we hunt, raise families, and enjoy peace. I fully support national defense, but this project simply doesn't belong in our backyard.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: mlcarney86@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Linda Carney
Email from: mlcarney86@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live 3 miles from Ft. Drum's Impact Range and over the past 40 years have heard the noise at all hours of the day, including nights just before my children had state/national tests for school. The power and sound of the blasts rattles our house and has caused broken windows. Night time maneuvers makes it hard to sleep and the rural nature of our home is negatively impacted. We chose to live here, despite the low overhead flights of helicopters, jets and bombardments of the impact range. It does not make me happy, as a resident of New York to hear about another area being affected in an area we as citizens of NY wish to keep forever wild, especially a situation in which a private citizen may not be held accountable for ill conceived actions. If this goes through the very nature of preserving the wilderness of the land for all future generations to enjoy in the Adirondack Park is lost. I vote No.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Rachel Budin
Email from: raybudin@gmail.com
Address: 68 Hilton Terrace Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must require a full EIS, independent baseline testing (soil, groundwater, noise), a DoD-level range safety plan with mapped danger zones, and financial assurance for cleanup — or deny the proposal outright. This proposal trades hard, permanent environmental and community harms for a narrow technical testing benefit that can be obtained far better — and much more safely — at established, engineered military test ranges designed for that work. There is no legitimate public-interest reason to locate high-energy, large-caliber testing inside the Adirondack Park where people live, drink, fish, and rely on the landscape for livelihoods and ecological services.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Sarah Coupal
Email from: sarah@coupal.us
Address: 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I do not support this project. 30 times per year is almost once per week. Its location near Jay Mountain Wilderness and Giant Mountain Wilderness and how loud the sound will be will have serious impacts on large amounts of visitors and locals spending time in wilderness areas. The sound is more than just the sound, it disrupts from the wilderness experience and could be very shocking for those who are not aware of what is happening. Furthermore I do not support the expansion of weapons testing regardless of the location. Thank you for your consideration.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Stephanie Gubelin
Email from: sgubelin@gmail.com
Address: Lake Placid NY 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not open the door to this type of enterprise. It is totally out of keeping with the purpose of our park.
Please do not allow this unnecessary business here. It brings nothing to the area.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Zoanne K Schnell
Email from: zoschnell@gmail.com
Address: 33 Keeseville NY 12944
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against the proposed weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels in the Town of Lewis. It is a small town in the Adirondacks. It is a community and wildlife area that would be vulnerable to the projectile and noise pollution the proposed project would result in.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Anne Jurcsak
Email from: anniejurcsak@gmail.com
Address: 196 Malta Ave Ballston Spa NY 12020-1505
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My immediate thought was NO NO NO!!! What will this do to the wildlife in the blasting area? Come on...lets have some respect for the park.Please don't allow this.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Concerned Citizen
Email from: RPcomments@apa.ny.gov
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Your job is to protect the public and private resources of the Adirondack Park through the exercise of the powers and duties provided by law. This will be incredibly detrimental to the well being of wildlife and surrounding lands. The stress and negative impacts wildlife will endure will be immeasurable. This should not even be an option. Noise pollution is a definite issue, so it's mind boggling this is even being considered.

It would be nice if the APA would do their jobs and hold people and organizations accountable for the issues they create, but as long as someone has money, the APA looks the other way. How about holding ORDA accountable for their blatant disregard for environmental law as well as policies and protocol being disregarded? Right now lawyers are trying to fix multiple issues ORDA decided they are above the law on. People should be terminated and ORDA should have to pay significant fines for their blatant disregard for state policies as well as obtaining appropriate permits before commencing work. You have jobs at the APA to stop this from happening, but you won't, and you don't. It's pathetic! No person, organization, or government agency should be above the law, but in this Trumpian world, if you have money, you can do whatever you want. It's sick, and you should be ashamed of yourselves for not following your mission statement. Corruption continues to exist, and will always exist, as long as you don't hold people accountable. Not holding others accountable means you're corrupt also, do your jobs!

From: Bates, Angela (APA)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:46 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: AldingerIII, Frederick W (APA); Burth, John M (APA); Petith, Stephanie L (APA)
Subject: FW: Correspondence [Adamowicz, Deborah] #1386176P

From: Kelsey Barrett <Kelsey_Barrett/NYEC@chamber.state.ny.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:29 PM
To: Bates, Angela (APA) <Angela.Bates@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Correspondence [Adamowicz, Deborah] #1386176P

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Ms. Deborah Adamowicz
1 Pinewood Rd.
Old Westbury, New York 11568
Phone 516-924-0852
debbiehamm@gmail.com
County _Other New York
Addressed to: Governor

Email Subject: Hopmeier Ballistic Testing Project

Issue 1 24400 Adirondack Park

Correspondence Number: 1386176P
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Incoming Correspondence:

Blowing things up in the Adirondacks?

This is wrong on so many levels. I'm sure you are as appalled by this proposal as my family and I are. I urge you to do whatever you can to stop this project. The harm to the Town of Lewis and the surrounding areas of the Adirondacks will never be remediated.

The Adirondack Park is one of the gems of New York State and must always be protected from such dangerous projects as the Hopmeier ballistic testing project.

The proposed thirty days of weapons testing a year will negatively impact the environment, releasing toxic chemicals such as mercury, lead, and uranium into the air, soil and water, potentially leading to health problems, some of which we may not yet foresee.

Noise from the testing will disturb not only residents in the surrounding areas, who may suffer hearing problems and interruptions in sleep, but also the wildlife who may sustain injuries from projectiles, contamination of food supply, and intrusions into populated areas.

Noise pollution will also have negative economic effects on local communities as sound from the testing can travel more than 100 miles, potentially damaging real estate values and recreational activities such as hiking, skiing, fishing and camping.

Twenty-five years ago my late husband and I bought property in the Town of Jay so our family could experience and enjoy the "Forever Wild" Adirondacks as we did growing up. My family and I continue to cherish and protect our land which will eventually go to the Adirondack Land Trust, as will a number of parcels near ours. However, the negative impacts from the proposed ballistics testing mean that the intrinsic values of these properties will never be the same as they are right now. To continue to protect the unique Adirondack Park, I urge you to join other New Yorkers in protesting the Hopmeier Project.

Sincerely, Deborah Adamowicz

From: Donald Thompson <dmattny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 12:36 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger
Attachments: Howitzer public comment.pdf

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Please see the attached public comment. I have also mailed a hard copy to the APA office.

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October 27, 2025

Re: Permit Application 2021-0276
Unconventional Concepts, Inc.
Comment submitted pursuant to the Agency Public Comment Policy

We live 5.8 miles as the crow (or the sound wave) flies from the howitzer firing range proposed by the above permit application. We join in the requests of the Adirondack Council and other public commenters that the Agency convene an adjudicatory hearing to review the above-referenced permit application (Letter from Adirondack Council to Adirondack Park Agency, 9/1/22; *see also Adirondack Council Seeks Hearing on Military Cannon Testing in Lewis*, Adirondack Almanack, 10/22/25) for all of the reasons stated in the Adirondack Council's requests, and for the additional reasons set forth below.

Summary

More facts are needed before deciding whether to grant or deny this permit, which is of a type that has never before been requested from the Agency. As noted by the Adirondack Council, such a hearing would "allow the agency to consider expert insights that have not been part of the application process." Several examples of potential testimony by those with actual, hands-on experience firing 155mm howitzers are attached for your review and referred to below. Such a hearing could also provide additional testimony and other evidence allowing a fully informed decision after a more fulsome consideration of environmental impacts and the interests of all stakeholders.

While adjudicatory hearings are the exception, not the rule, this permit application, the five Notices of Incomplete Permit Applications (NIPAs), the appeal of the fifth NIPA, and the May 8, 2024 Memorandum to Regulatory Programs Committee from Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds detailing the procedural history and issues relating to this application all suggest that more information is needed before an informed decision can be made on this

permit application – just the type of circumstance for which an adjudicatory hearing is appropriate, and expressly permitted.

There is no requirement that this application be granted, particularly given the repeated Agency requests for additional information and the repeated lack of transparency and inconsistent or incomplete responses by the applicant, who is seemingly unwilling to supply the information requested by the Agency. There are hundreds of commercial industrial areas where the requested testing would be similar to or not inconsistent with their current use. There are not hundreds of areas like the Adirondack wilderness. There is no compelling need to allow a new commercial industrial venture that would unquestionably impact and degrade our unique, unreproducible local environment. The commercial industrial use requested would likely permanently compromise the peace and tranquility of the neighboring lands for miles and for years, if not permanently.

Factors that Support Convening an Adjudicatory Hearing

Insofar as relevant to the current permit application, 9 NYCRR 580.2(a) provides that:

The criteria employed in determining whether to conduct a public hearing include:

- (1) the size and/or complexity of the project, whether measured by cost, area, effect upon municipalities, or uniqueness of resources likely to be affected;
- (2) the degree of public interest in the project, as evidenced by communication from the general public, governmental officials or private organizations;
- (3) the presence of significant issues relating to the criteria for approval of the project;
- (4) the possibility that the project can only be approved if major modifications are made or substantial conditions are imposed;
- (5) the possibility that information presented at a public hearing would be of assistance to the agency in its review;
- (6) the extent of public involvement achieved by other means; . . .

The information included below addresses each of these criteria. In each case, the criteria justifies the convening of an adjudicatory hearing, but in particular (1) the uniqueness of the resources likely to be affected, (2) the degree of public interest in the project, and (5) the possibility that information presented at a hearing that would assist the Agency's review of the permit application strongly support the holding of such hearing.

First, as noted by APA spokesman Keith McKeever, the Agency has never before reviewed an application for a munitions testing facility, a new commercial use on rural use lands (Craig, *Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, Adirondack Explorer, 8/19/22). Thus, proceeding cautiously, as the Agency has to date, is both appropriate and responsible.

By now the degree of public interest in this project is self-evident from the content and extent of the public comments previously submitted to the Agency and now included in the record materials relating to this application. Beyond that, since the filing of the initial permit application in November of 1991, the Adirondack Explorer and Adirondack Almanack have published many articles (*see e.g.*, Adirondack Explorer and Adirondack Almanack articles dated 10/22/25, 10/17/25, 10/16/25, 5/16/24, 4/17/24, 8/19/22, for example) concerning the Agency's review of the application, the five NIPAs, the appeal of the 5th NIPA, and the reconsideration of the application schedule to take place at the November 13-14, 2025 Agency meeting. Every article has resulting in numerous postings in the appended comment section, some in favor of the project,¹ most opposed. The level of public engagement with this application online and, when given a chance in person, is a factor strongly favoring the transparency that an adjudicatory hearing would provide.

As detailed in the Memorandum to the Regulatory Programs Committee from Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel, dated May 8, 2024, which thoroughly details the history of this application, the five NIPAs, the multiple incomplete submissions and the appeal of the 5th NIPA, there is reason to question the accuracy and completeness of the ever-changing representations made in support of this application.

But actions speak louder than words. In September, 2025, local residents were "startled and angered" by low-flying Black Hawk helicopters and the sounds of gunfire from military exercises in Lewis that involved about 20 aircraft and 1,000 military personnel. These exercises continued well into the night and early morning hours. This exercise was facilitated

¹ The comments in favor are generally limited to "howitzers aren't that loud" (false), or "he's using his own land" (but the APA restricts land use by owners, and the impacts from the proposed use extend far beyond the owner's property lines).

by and conducted with the assistance and permission of Mr. Hopmeier, the applicant for this permit.²

Residents reported that during the exercise, low-flying aircraft and gunfire produced “ear-splitting noise both during the day and at night . . . disruptive to life in their normally quiet, family friendly communities” (Rowland, *Military Exercises Surprise Lewis Residents*, Adirondack Explorer, 9/17/25). Mr. Rowland went on to report that

Emma Jean O’Kusky, whose property is nearby [Mr. Hopmeier’s missile] silo, said she’s also worried about the effect on pets, horses, children with disabilities and veterans suffering from PTSD.

“The (helicopters) are not up in the mountains, they’re not near the missile base. They’re not over Lake Champlain. They’re hovering over people’s homes. What’s the purpose of that?” she said. “The machine guns and the rifles are so loud it’s scary, and the helicopters do a lot of hovering — they’re so low it shakes the house.” (*Id.*).

Despite lip service in the present application to “minimizing noise impact on the local population” and “the maintenance to the greatest extent possible of the pristine and natural environment in which we live,” and fawning praise from Town of Lewis Supervisor James Monty – “From all accounts and by direct observation [Hopmeier] has been an excellent community member and neighbor, as well as being a careful and considerate steward of his existing property . . . maintaining his property and keeping it environmentally pristine” (Letter dated April 4, 2022, included in the Agency record of this application), these military exercises – which were not confined to Mr. Hopmeier’s property but instead directly affected properties throughout the Town of Lewis – were held without any prior notice to the affected neighbors other than a single posting on the town’s website.

Notably, in the present application Mr. Hopmeier proposed minimizing the impact on the local community by notifying all interested parties at last one week before any operation from a list provided by the Town Supervisor. Mr. Hopmeier’s commitment to mitigating the effects of his actions on his neighbors might be questioned, given his failure to employ the method that he suggested before conducting the recent military operations that were at least as, if not more, intrusive than those that are the subject of this present application. Well after the fact and in response to public objections, Mr. Hopmeier defended his actions – “All I can say is we did make the effort we thought was reasonable. Apparently it was not sufficient,

² Although the applicant has changed during the repeated reconsiderations of this permit application, in these comments we will continue to refer to Mr. Hopmeier, the real party in interest, as the applicant.

so we're happy to go ahead and try to do something different," (referring only to prior notification, not any other mitigation of the activities themselves) (Rowland, *Lewis Residents Push Back Against Military Exercises*, Adirondack Explorer, 10/17/25).

To address the public outcry that followed these surprise military exercises, on October 16, 2025, the Town of Lewis held a public meeting that was attended by some 75 citizens. According to Adirondack Explorer reporting, despite the objections of those in attendance, "excellent community member and neighbor" Hopmeier stated that he has no plans to end these exercises, for which no permit is apparently required. He offered no suggestions for mitigating the effects of these military exercises on Town of Lewis neighbors other than improved prior notification in the future, and went on to minimize (as he has in the present permit application) the noise levels of the operation, misleadingly equating the sounds of hovering Black Hawk helicopters, gunfire, and explosions with that of a chainsaw or interstate traffic (Rowland, *Lewis Residents Push Back Against Military Exercises*, Adirondack Explorer, 10/17/25).

Mr. Hopmeier claims in the present application to be concerned with "the maintenance to the greatest extent possible of the pristine and natural environment in which we live, while still performing our operations," two interests that must be balanced. His actions have demonstrated that he values his interest in conducting military testing as superior to that of any consequences such testing may have on the surrounding community and illustrates his intent that his actions not be limited or restricted by legitimate community concerns. Beyond that, he has eschewed, both in the present application and in his subsequent statements and actions, any real commitment to mitigating the effects of his actions on the community. Thus, the laudatory language in the application looks to be nothing more than a performative attempt to mouth the words the Agency would like to hear, in service of obtaining a permit.

An adjudicatory hearing is all the more necessary because despite the vocal objections of the majority of Town of Lewis residents who have elected to be heard either online or in person, the applicant appears to have a willing partner in the Town of Lewis Supervisor (*see* Letter from James Monty, Town of Lewis Supervisor, 4/4/22), raising the question of possible undisclosed conflicts of interest. Has the Town of Lewis or have town officials received or been promised any financial or other benefit by the applicant in exchange for supporting this permit despite the vocal objections of residents? Are there any other undisclosed conflicts of interest affecting the positions of those supporting the application?

The sound studies submitted by the applicant are incomplete and misleading, as addressed below. Even if they weren't, technical descriptions of decibels and air pressure are poor substitutes for actually experiencing the firing of a 155mm howitzer. As noted in the sound study submitted with the application (the "Norway study"), howitzers are the loudest

weapons tested at a firing range, able to be heard for 10 miles depending on environmental conditions, limiting their testing at ranges near civilian populations. As just one example, the nationally-recognized Meadowmount School of Music is 5.5 miles from the proposed testing facility. The application makes no effort to address this, instead misleadingly minimizing the noise effects of the firings proposed.

Attached is the affidavit of Colonel Paul Vincent Ciminelli, USA (Ret) which describes his first-hand knowledge of the discharge of 155mm howitzers is actually like in testing and combat settings, acquired over his 30-year military career, as well as his experience with firing ranges and the testing and mitigation of the sound impacts from such firing. We have also attached anecdotal descriptions of others who have actually experienced a 155mm howitzer being discharged.

All this is to say that before determining the appropriateness of this unique activity in our rural setting, Agency representatives should know what it's actually like when a 155mm howitzer fires – from up close, 100 meters, a mile, two miles – to be in position to judge for themselves the real-world effects. Numbers on paper cannot replicate the shock wave, the heat, the smell, the flash, and the disorientation – never mind the noise – of a howitzer firing, as described by Col. Ciminelli and others who have actually experienced it.

Fort Drum, approximately 3 hours west of Lewis, has an existing military-grade firing range that is capable of the testing Mr. Hopmeier seeks to perform in Lewis. There is no military necessity for the testing requested to be in Lewis and no apparent benefit to performing the testing here rather than at an already-existing military test site, other than the financial benefit to Mr. Hopmeier. Although according to Mr. Hopmeier, it would be cost-prohibitive to conduct testing any further from the gun tube manufacturer in Watervliet, he has offered no support for this claim and no comparison, for example, of the relative costs of testing at another, already existing facility such as Fort Drum. If this claim is accurate, evidence establishing it would be relevant and could be offered and an adjudicatory hearing.

Another unanswered question that could be relevant to the Agency's ruling on this permit is the identity of the sponsor(s) of the proposed testing and what the sponsor's expectations are for the future of this testing or its expansion. Originally, the Army was sponsoring the testing proposed, but then issued a stop-work order and is apparently no longer engaged in the project. Mr. Hopmeier, who has previously refused to provide information relevant to the application requested by the agency (see May 8, 2024 Memorandum from Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds; Craig, *Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, Adirondack Explorer, 8/19/22) has also not disclosed what entity will now be sponsoring the proposed testing. This too could be further developed and resolved at an adjudicatory hearing.

One possible sponsor could be the Future Flag program, a \$415 million dollar Air Force research and development effort based at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York (https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2024/04/15/the_air_forces_future_flag_experiment_is_a_success_1024987.html; Air Force Research Laboratory press release: <https://www.afrl.af.mil/News/Photos/igphoto/2003464884/>; New York Air National Guard Participates in Future Flag: <https://www.nationalguard.mil/News/Article-View/Article/3131920/new-york-air-national-guard-participates-in-future-flag/>).

If so, much more research and development financing might be contemplated beyond the current proposal of testing of gun tubes with inert rounds. In light of the ambiguous, non-limiting, and non-specific or contradictory language in the current application concerning the frequency of test firings (“sporadically,” “an average of no more than 30 shots per year,” “no more than 3 tests per month, one to three shots fired during each test” [*i.e.*, up to 108 shots], “up to 120 shots per year” [3rd and 5th NIPA]), distance (225 yards, 300 yards, 330 yards, 590 feet [or 196.6 yards]), duration (“*anticipated* to continue for a period of 5 years”), the types of testing (“range will be developed and used to assess the internal ballistics of various kinetic systems used by the United States”), and ever-changing explanations by the applicant concerning what is being tested, the manner and frequency of anticipated testing and so on, this application looks much like a foot-in-the-door effort to establish this never-before permitted use with an eye toward expanding operations in the future. Mr. Hopmeier specifically says as much in paragraph 14.a. of his application, referring to “expanding” or “expansion” four times in just that paragraph (*e.g.*, “This expansion is part of an ongoing strategic plan at UCI’s ADK facility . . . to support a wide array of research and development programs including environmental research, telecommunications, and national security”).

In other words, this permit application is likely not the end goal of this “expansion.” Instead, it appears to be just the beginning of what could be further, currently undisclosed but perhaps already contemplated expansion of the testing described, testing of other weapons systems (presently unidentified “various kinetic systems used by the United States”), and military or quasi-military training exercises. Apart from the broad description above, Mr. Hopmeier has not disclosed what might come next, although the recently-undertaken military exercises might offer some clue and serve as a warning.

Mr. Hopmeier has also claimed that this project would employ 15-20 technicians which sounds like a lot for “an average of no more than” 30 firings per year as projected. Will these be full time jobs or on an as-needed basis? What types of jobs? Technical or professional positions (as suggested in the application) with salaries sufficient to support the families that the applicant and his supporters claim will be brought to the area by this project? (*see* Craig, *Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, *Adirondack Explorer*, 8/19/22). It seems unrealistic to expect that the limited testing proposed in the application would be sufficient

to financially support the number of professionals described. So once they have relocated, might the expansion of operations be used as a justification to allow these new community members to better support themselves and their now-relocated families?

Further, beyond the failure of the current application to adequately address the impact assessment of “noise” more fully discussed below (*see Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts*, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, DEP-00-1, last revised 2/2/01), Mr. Hopmeier also claims that there are no pollution concerns from any hazardous materials related to this testing because supposedly, all gunpowder used for each discharge will be fully combusted (*see Craig, Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, Adirondack Explorer, 8/19/22; Letter by Town of Lewis Supervisor James Monty, 4/4/2022).

By contrast, we offer a study that addressing, in part, the deleterious environmental effects of gunshot residue (the gunpowder not completely burned during a discharge) that refutes this claim, barring some evidence (that Mr. Hopmeier has not provided) that in the proposed testing all of the propellant used will be completely combusted. This presents another issue that could be further explored and perhaps resolved at an adjudicatory hearing. The study is accessed here: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S2215153223000818>.

Also unaddressed by the application at all or in only summary or conclusory fashion are the possible effects, in any, of this project on soil, air, and water contamination from gunpowder or metal residue directly or as a result of run-off, any increased fire hazards, the risk and consequences of any misfires, the effects of shock waves from these discharges, any potential or expected disruption to the breeding, denning, and migration of local fauna, the potential for decreased property values of adjacent impacted properties, and any potentially decreased tourism income to the local community as a result of the proposed testing.

Thus, an adjudicatory hearing would provide transparency and a vehicle for the provision of further information specific to the environmental impacts of the proposed testing, largely either unaddressed or minimized by the permit application and supporting documentation. A hearing would also give the applicant the chance to explain any remaining apparent inconsistencies or incomplete responses, and would give the Agency an opportunity to have any additional questions or concerns answered, under oath.

Finally, we offer our comments and assessment of the deficiencies we perceive in the sound study submitted with the permit application.

The primary “report” in question appears to be the February 2023 Sound Study (“Response 20230301-compressed.pdf”) prepared by H2H Geoscience Engineering, PLLC, for Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI). This study evaluates potential noise impacts from a

proposed 330-yard ballistics test range for munitions testing, focusing on a 155mm howitzer (M109A3GN) as the loudest source. It follows a Scope of Work (SOW) outlined in “H2H Scope of work Fall of 2022.pdf” and incorporates New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) guidance on noise impacts (“Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts”). Subsequent documents (responses to the 4th and 5th NIPAs in 2023 and 2025) reference and build on this study, including revisions for atmospheric conditions, berm mitigation, and receptor distances.

The study measures ambient sound levels at five monitoring locations (M1–M5) representing residential and wild forest areas. Models impulse noise propagation from the howitzer using ISO 9613 standards, from which the study represents that there would be minimal impacts based on small changes in equivalent continuous sound levels (Leq), with modeled impulse peaks at receptors ranging from ~67–107 dBA but Leq increases of 0–32 dB (depending on receptor and conditions).

Identified below are some of the flaws in assumptions, methods, and conclusions, drawing from the provided content and cross-references across documents, which could be further explored in an adjudicatory hearing. Flaws are identified where the report appears to deviate from best practices, NYSDEC guidance, or logical consistency, potentially underestimating impacts.

Flaws in Assumptions

Source Sound Level Overestimation or Lack of Specificity:

The study assumes a peak source level of 180.8 dB (163.2 dBA, uncorrected for ground reflection) at the muzzle, derived from a Norwegian study (“Noise emission data for M109, 155 mm field howitzer”) and extrapolated backward from measurements at 803 feet (130.5 dB). This is presented as “conservative” (higher than corrected data) to model worst-case scenarios. This was subsequently modified to 185 dBA in response to the 2nd NIPA, then to 166.1 dBA (but from an enclosed position) in a submission not signed by a licensed engineer.

Flaw: The extrapolation relies on inverse square law (6 dB drop per distance doubling), but muzzle blasts from artillery are directional (stronger forward) and may not follow simple spherical spreading for impulse noise. NYSDEC guidance notes that impulse sounds (blasts) have unique characteristics like high-frequency content and rapid onset, which could affect propagation. Later documents (response to 5th NIPA) defend this with U.S. Army data (CHPPM “Noise Levels of Common Army Equipment”), but inconsistencies in reported levels across submissions (180 dB initially, 185 dB, a 176 dBA “transcription error,” settling

on 180.8 dB) suggest uncertainty. The assumption doesn't explicitly account for charge type (max 5 modules DM72 vs. M4A2 zone 7), which could vary noise by 5–10 dB.

Impact: This could lead to overstated peaks in modeling, but if directivity is ignored, it might underestimate side/rear impacts on nearby receptors.

Environmental Factors and Worst-Case Scenarios:

Assumes average conditions (68°F/20°C, 70% humidity, 11 mph wind from source) initially, with later revisions (November 2023 update in response to 5th NIPA) to testing variations (temperature/humidity ranges, wind direction).

Flaw: NYSDEC guidance emphasizes seasonal factors (e.g., summer increases annoyance due to open windows; wind/temperature inversions bend sound). The initial study uses yearly averages, and even revisions show “minimal” differences (max 4 dB variation), but does not model extreme inversions or calm conditions, which could amplify propagation. The berm (sound mitigation) is assumed effective without detailed validation for impulse frequencies.

Operational Frequency and Duration:

Assumes ~30 shots/year over 5 years, with each impulse ~0.05 seconds (total “7.5 seconds of impulse noise” over 5 years, per response to 5th NIPA).

Flaw: This downplays cumulative effects, assuming rarity minimizes impact. NYSDEC guidance warns that even infrequent impulses (such as back-up warning alarms) can be “particularly annoying” due to startle effects especially in quiet rural/wilderness areas (ambient ~35 dBA per guidance; see *Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts*, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, DEP-00-1, last revised 2/2/01).

Flaws in Methods

Ambient Monitoring Limitations:

Conducted over two weekdays (Dec 20–21, 2022, 10 AM–4 PM) in fair weather, logging A-weighted dB at 1-second intervals. Locations (M1–M5) represent residential (Hale Hill Rd.) and wild forest areas within a 2-mile radius.

Flaw: Limited duration and conditions don't capture variability (weekends, evenings, seasonal changes like leaf-off winters for better propagation, or high-wind events). NYSDEC guidance recommends considering time of year, wind, and humidity for comprehensive

assessment. Ambient levels (34.7–61.2 dBA Leq) are influenced by nearby sources (mine noise, traffic), but no long-term or multi-season data validates representativeness. This could underestimate baseline quiet periods in wild forest areas.

Modeling Approach:

Uses ISO 9613 (via dBmap.net) for propagation, accounting for distance, atmospheric absorption, ground factor ($G=0.7$), and barriers (berm). Impulse peaks are inserted into 1-second ambient logs to compute new Leq.

Flaw: ISO 9613 is suitable for steady-state noise but may not fully capture impulse/blast dynamics (shock waves, low-frequency rumble). NYSDEC guidance distinguishes impulses as needing separate evaluation for annoyance (pure tones or sudden bursts). Averaging impulses into daily Leq dilutes impact—for rare events, Leq changes are negligible (0–2 dB at most receptors, up to 32 dB at M5 in one table), but peaks (107 dBA at M5) could cause hearing risk or wildlife disturbance. No direct peak-level thresholds are applied (EPA suggests 140 dB peak for hearing protection). Cross-sections and distances are approximate initially, refined later, but early models used “straight-line” without full topographic integration.

Mitigation and Alternatives Evaluation:

Relies on berm, setbacks, and operational limits; evaluates haul truck noise separately (minimal impact).

Flaw: NYSDEC requires evaluating alternatives like enclosures or silencers (“schalldampfer”); this study dismisses them without detailed analysis (response to 5th NIPA claims they’re impractical for howitzers). No quantitative comparison of options, violating guidance on “best management practices” (BMPs) like equipment relocation or barriers.

Flaws in Conclusions

Underestimation of Impulse Noise Impacts:

Concludes “no significant adverse noise impacts” based on Leq increases <6 dB (per NYSDEC: 0–3 dB unnoticed, 3–6 potential, >6 adverse), with modeled ambient changes of 0–32 dB (higher at wild forest M5/M4).

Flaw: For impulses, Leq is misleading—guidance stresses subjective annoyance from sudden loud sounds, not just averaged levels. Peaks (67–107 dBA at receptors) equate to or exceed

hunting rifles (160 dB at source, but attenuated), potentially startling residents/wildlife. In quiet wild forest (ambient ~35 dBA), a 107 dBA blast is a ~72 dB increase momentarily, far beyond “tolerable” (guidance Table B: >15 dB “very noticeable”). The “7.5 seconds over 5 years” framing ignores per-event effects, like behavioral responses or habitat avoidance.

Inadequate Consideration of Sensitive Receptors:

Treats residential and wild forest equally, concluding minimal overall impact.

Flaw: NYSDEC guidance prioritizes low-ambient areas (wilderness ~35 dBA) and environmental factors (wildlife sensitivity). Wild forest receptors (M4/M5) show higher modeled peaks/changes, but conclusions don’t address ecological impacts (disturbing Adirondack wildlife). Precedent claims such as louder mines nearby are not comparatively quantified.

Inconsistencies with Later Revisions:

Initial conclusions are refined in 2023/2025 responses (adding wind/temperature variations, showing max 4 dB difference), but early dismissal of factors (“environmental factors have no impact”) contradicts guidance. The study claims compliance but suggests remaining unresolved flaws.

Overall Assessment

While the report is technically sound in basic execution (following ISO standards, conservative source levels), it is flawed in under-addressing impulse-specific impacts, limited monitoring, and reliance on Leq for rare high-peak events. It aligns with NYSDEC guidance superficially but skimps on impulse annoyance, alternatives, and ecological receptors, potentially underestimating risks in a sensitive Adirondack setting. \

Recommendation:

Use peak-level metrics (C-weighted for blasts), extend monitoring, and model wildlife effects for a more robust analysis.

Excessive noise, such as that produced by a 155mm howitzer, which can generate sound levels exceeding 180 decibels (dB) at close range, can significantly impact wildlife, including protected species in the Adirondack Mountains and the species they depend on. While specific studies on 155mm howitzer noise in the Adirondacks are absent, research on high-intensity noise from military activities, industrial operations, and similar sources

provides insight into potential effects. Below are factors relating to how such noise could affect the survival of endangered, threatened, or special concern species in the Adirondacks and their interdependent species, drawing on general ecological principles and available data, any of which would be appropriate for the introduction of testimony and other evidence at an adjudicatory hearing, all of which are completely unaddressed by the permit application.

Direct Noise Impacts on Protected Species

1. Mammals:

Bats (Little Brown Bat, Northern Long-Eared Bat). These endangered species rely on echolocation for foraging and navigation. High-intensity noise above 120 dB can disrupt echolocation, reducing foraging success and increasing energy expenditure. Chronic noise exposure may lead to habitat avoidance, pushing bats from critical roosting or foraging areas in Adirondack forests and caves. Stress from noise can also suppress immune responses, exacerbating vulnerability to white-nose syndrome, which has already decimated populations by up to 98% since 2006.

Eastern Coyote, Gray Wolf (attempts at reintroduction). These large carnivores, though rare or extirpated, are sensitive to anthropogenic noise. Studies on wolves in other regions show that noise levels above 70 dB (*e.g.*, from military-type training) can cause avoidance of suitable habitats, increased stress hormones, and reduced hunting efficiency. For wolves, which rely on howling for communication, loud noise could mask vocalizations, disrupting pack coordination. If reintroduced, these species could face reduced survival in noisy areas.

2. Birds:

Examples: Spruce Grouse, Bicknell's Thrush, Rusty Blackbird. These species, listed as endangered or of special concern, rely on acoustic communication for mating and territory defense. Noise above 80 dB can mask vocalizations, reducing breeding success. For Bicknell's thrush, already confined to high-elevation habitats, noise from military exercises could disrupt nesting in balsam-fir forests, potentially pushing populations toward local extinction. Spruce grouse, with small populations in northern Adirondacks, may abandon nesting sites due to disturbance.

The Common Loon, Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon are highly sensitive to disturbance; noise from watercraft already affects nesting, and howitzer-level noise could amplify this, causing nest abandonment or reduced chick survival. Bald eagles and peregrine falcons, both recovering from past declines, may abandon nests or foraging areas if exposed to sudden, high-decibel noise, as studies show raptors avoid areas with frequent sonic booms.

3. Fish:

Examples: Lake Sturgeon, Salmon, Round Whitefish, Blacknose Shiner, Lake Trout. Fish perceive sound through water, which conducts it efficiently. Noise above 170 dB, especially near water bodies like Lake Champlain or Adirondack rivers, can cause physical damage (e.g., swim bladder rupture) or behavioral changes like avoidance of spawning grounds. Lake sturgeon, a threatened species, are particularly vulnerable during spawning migrations, as noise could disrupt navigation or stress spawning adults, reducing reproductive success.

4. Reptiles and Amphibians:

Example: Blanding's Turtle. Amphibians, generally, rely on acoustic cues for mating. Noise above 80 dB can cause physiological stress, mask mating calls, reducing reproduction. Turtles, though less studied, may experience stress or altered movement patterns, increasing road mortality risks for Blanding's turtles in Adirondack wetlands. Chronic noise could force these species from optimal habitats, exacerbating threats from habitat loss. American Toads and Wood Frogs may also be significantly affected.

5. Insects:

Examples: Persius Duskywing, Hine's Emerald Dragonfly, Monarch Butterfly (other butterflies and moths may also be affected). Insects are less studied for noise impacts, but high-intensity sound can negatively disrupt key behaviors like mating or predator avoidance. For example, dragonflies use visual and auditory cues; noise may interfere with their ability to detect predators or mates in Adirondack peatlands. Monarchs, already stressed by habitat loss, could face reduced fitness if noise disrupts migration stopovers.

6. Plants:

Examples: Alpine Plants, American Hart's Tongue Fern, Ram's Head Lady's-Slipper. Plants are indirectly affected if noise disrupts pollinators or seed dispersers like insects and birds. For instance, monarch butterflies and other pollinators critical to alpine plants may avoid noisy areas, reducing seed set in these fragile, high-elevation ecosystems.

Impacts on Interdependent Species

Protected species rely on a web of prey, predators, pollinators, and habitat components, all potentially affected by noise:

Prey Species: Many Adirondack predators (Grey Wolves, Eastern Coyotes, Peregrine Falcons) depend on abundant prey like deer, rodents, or small birds. Noise can reduce prey populations by altering behavior or habitat use. For example, white-tailed deer, a key prey for wolves, avoid areas with chronic noise above 60 dB, potentially starving reintroduced predators.

Pollinators: Insects like bees and butterflies, critical for plants like Ram's Head Lady's-Slipper, may reduce activity in noisy environments. Studies show bumblebees pollinate less effectively under noise stress, which could limit seed production for rare plants.

Aquatic Ecosystems: Fish like Round Whitefish rely on healthy aquatic insect populations. Noise near streams can disrupt insect larvae development, reducing food availability and impacting fish survival.

Wetland Communities: Amphibians and turtles depend on wetland invertebrates. Noise-induced stress on insects could cascade to reduce food for turtles, toads, and frogs, compounding habitat loss threats.

Broader Ecological and Conservation Context

Noise Characteristics: A 155mm howitzer produces impulsive noise (a sudden, high-intensity burst), which is more alarming and disruptive than continuous noise. Sound levels decrease with distance (dropping to 120 dB at 100 meters), but in the Adirondacks' quiet, forested landscape, noise can travel far, especially in valleys or near water. Repeated exposure, as in military training, amplifies the impacts of noise pollution.

Conservation Implications: The Adirondack Park's "Forever Wild" protections and DEC programs (e.g., loon monitoring, sturgeon restoration, salmon and trout restocking) aim to preserve biodiversity, but noise pollution isn't directly addressed in current plans. Species like Bicknell's Thrush or Spruce Grouse, with small populations, are particularly vulnerable to additional stressors. Noise could undermine recovery efforts for Bald Eagles or bats, which have seen gains from habitat restoration, pesticide bans and the reduction of acid rain (now on the rise again).

Mitigation Needs: To protect species, noise buffers (restricting firing ranges near sensitive habitats like High Peaks or Lake Champlain) and seasonal restrictions (avoiding breeding periods such as spring for loons, summer for bats) are critical.

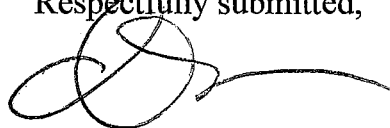
In conclusion, excessive noise from a 155mm howitzer could harm Adirondack protected or of special concern species by disrupting communication, foraging, reproduction, and habitat

use, particularly for noise-sensitive species like bats, loons, and Bicknell's Thrush. It could also affect prey such as deer and aquatic insects and pollinators such as bees and monarchs, indirectly threatening predators and plants. While no direct studies exist on howitzers in the Adirondacks, evidence from similar high-intensity noise sources suggests significant risks, especially for species already stressed by climate change, habitat loss, and invasives. Mitigation through spatial and temporal restrictions is essential to safeguard the Park's biodiversity, which supports \$2 billion in tourism and ecosystem services.

All of the above questions could be addressed and answered in an adjudicatory hearing. As noted above, the provisions of 9 NYCRR 580.2(a) specifically provide for and contemplate that such a hearing will be held when one or more of the criteria articulated in the regulation have been satisfied. Here, multiple criteria are implicated by the present application and as such, an adjudicatory hearing is the appropriate vehicle by which to examine and resolve the issues presented. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Agency order such a hearing before approving this application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT OF COLONEL PAUL VINCENT CIMINELLI, USA (Ret)

COLONEL PAUL VINCENT CIMINELLI, USA (Ret) being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am a retired, United States Army Colonel with over thirty years of Active and Reserve commissioned service. My military career includes operational, command, and staff assignments in both active duty and reserve components, culminating in the rank of Colonel serving as the Chief of Civil Military Operations, 8th Army, Republic of Korea. I am a graduate of the United States Army War College, where I earned a Master of Strategic Studies, United States Army Command & General Staff College and have attended numerous military schools including the Cavalry Officer Basic Officer Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, and the NATO Senior Officer Crisis Management Course.
2. My military service includes assignments as Battalion, Company, Detachment and Platoon Commander often in combined arms settings requiring expert knowledge of the integration of direct fire (individual and crew-served systems), indirect fire (howitzer, mortar and missile) as well as close air support; Senior Team Leader for Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations Analysis under the auspices of the Office of the Secretary of War at United States Joint Forces Command; and instructor and syndicate leader for NATO and Partner Nation senior staff training programs. I have served in combat operational theaters including Operation Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Joint Endeavor, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and multiple tours for Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. I have worked as a range officer in numerous settings involving different weapon systems wherein the Army has labored to mitigate the effects of noise on surrounding

areas and the wildlife on installations and the communities around military bases.

3. I am also an attorney licensed in the States of New York and New Jersey, and the District of Columbia, and a member of the Bars of the United States Supreme Court and several federal courts. In my civilian capacity, I have served as Chief Counsel to the Sheriff of Monroe County, New York; Managing Partner of Ciminelli & Ciminelli, PLLC; Major Felony Assistant District Attorney in Monroe County; adjunct faculty member in Homeland Security Management at Monroe Community College; and an executive advisor in both government and private enterprise. My professional and academic background includes strategic leadership, management, and crisis response.
4. I have served as a member of Board of Directors and Vice President/General Counsel for Genesee Conservation League, a conservation, firearms and archery club of over 2000 members founded in 1925 and since 1946 located in a highly populated suburban setting outside Rochester, NY. In this capacity I have been involved in numerous issues involving noise and noise mitigation.
5. Based on my military training, operational experience, and review of relevant acoustic and blast data, I have prepared the following factual description regarding the physical experience and observable effects of the firing of a 155mm howitzer at varying distances in a combat, training range or urban settings.
6. Standing next to a 155mm howitzer when it fires is an intense, visceral experience. The blast is deafening, even with appropriate ear protection—a deep, earth-shaking boom that you feel in your chest and bones as much as you hear. The ground trembles, and a shockwave hits you like a physical force, pushing air against your body. The muzzle flash is blinding, especially in low light, and the heat from the barrel is palpable if you're close. There's a sharp,

acrid smell of gunpowder and burnt metal lingering after each shot. The sheer power is awe-inspiring but can be disorienting—your heart races, and it's hard to stay steady without bracing yourself. If you're too close without proper protective gear, the overpressure can cause physical discomfort and injury, like ruptured eardrums.

7. The 155mm howitzer produces an intense, short-duration impulse at the moment of firing. At the muzzle, the peak sound pressure level can reach approximately 185 decibels (dB peak). This level of intensity creates an immediate auditory hazard and a palpable concussive wave. Within several meters of the weapon, the blast wave can be physically felt as a force upon the body, displacing loose material and generating a visible muzzle flash and dust plume.
8. At distances between five and twenty-five meters, the peak sound level remains in the range of 165–175 dB. These levels produce significant physical sensations and require the use of double hearing protection under military standards. Personnel experience temporary disorientation and chest or facial pressure consistent with the known effects of near-field blast overpressure.
9. At approximately 100 meters, the estimated peak sound pressure level is near 145 dB (comparable being 10–25 meters of a commercial jet engine during takeoff at full thrust, such as near the runway at an airport) . The firing is perceived as an extremely loud, sharp report with noticeable vibration transmitted through the ground. Although unlikely to cause injury at this range from a single exposure, repeated firings may induce temporary hearing threshold shifts.
10. At one-half mile (approximately 805 meters), the peak level reduces to about 130–140 dB (comparable being 50 meters of a commercial jet engine during takeoff at full thrust, such as near the runway at an airport). Observers perceive

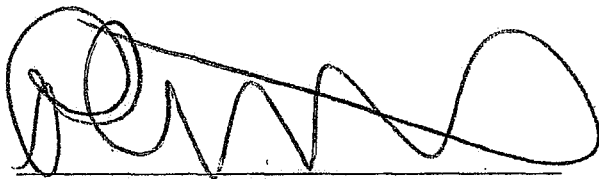
a powerful, instantaneous boom, occasionally strong enough to rattle windows and light structures. The sound may carry a physical sensation akin to a mild pressure wave, particularly under still atmospheric conditions.

11. At one mile (1,609 meters), the estimated level is approximately 121 dB (an example is attending a rock concert or nightclub with amplified music, where sound levels near the speakers). The sound remains clearly audible as a single, thunder-like report but without harmful physiological effects absent prolonged exposure. At this distance, the sound is transient and characterized by a brief low-frequency boom.
12. At three miles (4,828 meters), the estimated peak sound level is near 111 dB (example is a power lawnmower or leaf blower operating at close range of 1–2 meters). The acoustic event is experienced as a low-frequency rumble or deep rolling thunder, often accompanied by a delay between flash and report when visible. The blast remains audible and recognizable as artillery fire under calm atmospheric conditions.
13. At five miles (8,047 meters), the sound attenuates to approximately 107 dB. It is faint but still perceptible, particularly under nighttime or overcast conditions that favor long-distance sound propagation. No hearing risk or physical discomfort occurs at this range.
14. Overpressure sufficient to damage property or cause injury does not occur beyond several tens of meters from the weapon. Pressure levels decrease rapidly with distance, and by 100 meters the effect transitions to an acoustic impulse without destructive force. Vibrations or rattling at greater distances are due to acoustic resonance rather than blast impact.
15. Environmental factors such as humidity, temperature gradients, and wind direction significantly influence sound propagation. Under inversion conditions, artillery fire may be audible at distances exceeding ten miles. Conversely,

upwind and turbulent conditions may sharply limit audibility. These patterns are well documented in Department of Defense acoustic studies.

16. In a pristine Adirondack setting, characterized by dense forests, minimal human activity, and low ambient noise levels (approximately 35-40 dB from natural sounds like wind, leaves, or distant wildlife), the firing of a 155mm howitzer creates a stark contrast that amplifies the perceived intensity of physical sensations compared to urban or noisy environments. The quiet baseline makes the blast subjectively louder and more disruptive, heightening psychological effects such as increased heart rate, startle response, or disorientation, even at distances where decibel levels are consistent with other settings. Sound propagation in forested terrain may attenuate high-frequency components of the blast (up to 10 dB reduction) due to absorption by foliage and ground cover, but low-frequency impulses travel farther with minimal loss, potentially audible over 100 miles under favorable conditions.
17. The howitzer's firing significantly impacts wildlife within 5 miles or closer, particularly in a pristine habitat like the Adirondacks. Animals exhibit immediate startle responses, such as fleeing or scattering, with birds at risk of abandoning nests, reducing reproductive success. High-decibel blasts (130–190 dB near the source) disrupt communication, masking predator warnings or mating calls, increasing predation risk and altering social behaviors. Mammals like deer or bears may avoid the area, leading to habitat fragmentation, while chronic exposure could cause stress hormone spikes, sleep disturbances, or hearing damage in species reliant on acute hearing (e.g., bats or owls).
18. Repeated firings may drive long-term displacement, reduce biodiversity, or alter migration patterns, though some species may habituate over time. Low-frequency sound propagation extends the impact zone, potentially affecting sensitive ecosystems far beyond 5 miles.

19. In my professional opinion and experience, the foregoing statements accurately describe the physical manifestations and sound levels associated with 155mm howitzer firing, based upon my direct experience and the published technical data of the United States Army, United States Department of War and allied defense research agencies.
20. I make this affidavit to provide a factual and technical account based on my education, training, and experience, and I affirm the accuracy of the foregoing to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Paul Vincent Ciminelli
Colonel, USA, (Ret)

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Mike, I have experience with both 105mm (towed) and 155mm (towed & self-propelled). The 105mm is very loud, no question. The 155mm has a tremendous concussion that shakes you to the core. We always used standard earplugs or just put our hands over our ears. Of course if you were the assistant gunner then you were the one who actually fired the piece and you would typically wear earplugs as one of your hands would be busy pulling the lanyard. When you stand next to a 155mm when it fires you are in essence standing next to a controlled explosion. Think about the forces involved with sending a 100lb projectile several miles down range and you can get an idea of the magnitude. Having also experienced howitzer fire without hearing protection, I can assure you that it is not pleasant. It is a tremendous adrenaline rush to pull the lanyard on a piece of heavy artillery. -Gene Hackworth (C Battery, 1st Bn., 8th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division)

Scott Sample

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to

Mike,

I'll give you some anecdotal evidence of how loud artillery is (I spent 10 years with 155s and missiles).

1989: At Grafenwoehr, Germany, a communications officer made the mistake of wandering about 50 yards in front of the neighboring 8" gun battery one night. They found him unconscious, with both ears blown out, severe concussion.

If you plan on working with it, double ear protection is the MINIMUM (ear plugs and the best muffs you can find). The army no longer classifies hearing loss as a "disability". They got tired of paying claims and health care costs. They will test your hearing before you start playing with the stuff, and you can compare the results ten years later. There isn't a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or even a minigun made that can compare to some of this stuff. Good luck.

SJSAMPLE

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Feb 3, 2001, 5:55:46 PM

to

How loud is artillery?

In a word: Very.

Painfully loud. So loud you will wish you were at an Aerosmith Concert!

Wear all the hearing protection you can get: earplugs and earmuffs. And then see what you can do to be far away from the cannon when it goes off.

If you can feel the sound, you need earplugs. I was an "audiometric technician" (I gave hearing tests) and I learned more about "noise" and "threshold shift" than I wanted to.

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Comments from: Edward J Trombley, Jr.
Email from: edtrombley@hotmail.com
Address: 1254 rand hill road New York 12962
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I will get right to the point.... this is the dumbest thing I have every heard of within the adirondack park! There should be no question whatsoever that this application needs to be thrown in the garbage.
I cannot think of a worse use of property within the park.
I live, play, work in this area and cannot imagine anything that would deter myself and visitors to the area from returning once they heard howitzers being blasted off!
I suggest to the applicant to get a bb gun and some tin cans to vent his frustration.

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Good day, Mr. Aldinger:

Attached are my comments and recommendations on Project 2021-0276.

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Gordon Howard
Keeseville, NY &
Seneca, SC
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Gordon E. Howard
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APA Project ID: 2021-0276
Petitioner: Michael J. Hopmeier

I WOULD VOTE TO DENY THIS PERMIT IF I WERE ON THE BOARD because:

SAFETY ISSUE-1A: From my review of UCI's Internet presence, including for example <https://www.unconventional-inc.com>, I could find no solid reference to information that UCI has experience working with large caliber cannons, and particularly in an environment and topography such as those proposed for the Rural Use location.

SAFETY ISSUE-1B: Due to extreme dangers associated with firing large high velocity projectiles, the names, certifications or other pertinent qualifications of those persons performing each test firing should be collected and evaluated for their training and competence in firing a 155 mm Howitzer before a permit is issued for each day's firings.

HOW WILL APA ACCOMPLISH THAT VETTING AND PERMITTING?

SAFETY ISSUE-2: To me, the initial application was hastily prepared without sufficient attention to the permit process requirements and the completeness of the information necessary for a complete application.

This is illustrated by the number of "Notice of Incomplete Permit Application" (NIPA) notices. **This is not an application for an oversized dock or a cell tower, but a lethal weapon with a range of 10 miles or more and a health threat to residents and visitors to the area. There can be no tolerance for hasty or sloppy firing preparation.**

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR-1A: The application states the number of shots fired is "anticipated to be . . ." and "over 5 years". "Anticipate(d)" is a too vague, in my opinion. **It leaves the door open for, "Oh, well, we found out that we needed XXXXXX more shots;". "Not more than . . ." would commit to an upper limit on shots per day, per month and per year for the 5 year stated test period.**

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR-1B: Part of this permit, if granted, should state that the permit expires after 5 calendar years. After that, a new application must be submitted which will require a public hearing and/or public input, an evaluation of the impacts of the past testing, and an adjudication hearing.

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR-2: Once a permit is issued that will allow the Rural Use hills to be alive with Howitzer sounds, turning down future applications for munitions testing of other activities that are not in keeping with the intent of the Rural Use Land Management designation will be more difficult. Mr. Hopmeier's reported comments to the Town Supervisor indicates that this application is just be beginning of more development.

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR-3: UCI appears to be the parent company of Diversified Upstate Enterprises, LLC (NYS-DOS ID: 4758783) which owns two parcels of land (TMN: 38.1-1-4.100 [355.08ac purchased May, 2020]; 38.1-1-5.220 [7.40ac purchased March 2021]). As I understand the applications and NIPAs, the cannon will fire from parcel 38.1-1-31.100, adjacent to those parcels. **If this application is granted future applications justified in part on the granting of this application most likely will be presented. UCI already is boasting a 10 lb high explosive (HE) explosion test chamber on its old Atlas F missile silo site.**

Such activity has no place in a Rural Use area, the Parks second highest land use protection zoning.

SOUND: UCI presented the hearing pain threshold - 140 dBA, but did not present, in my opinion, the more important **hearing loss** threshold of 85 dBA over 8 hours. That threshold shortens 50% every increase in 3 dBA, arriving at a hearing loss exposure threshold of 2 milliseconds at 140 dBA. **Also omitted was the "human reaction to increases in sound pressure" which lists dB changes over 20dB as "Very objectionable to intolerable".** Rural Use lands, generally are listed as having sound levels of 44 dBA and, 70 dBA when farm machinery is in use. **Even when machinery is in use a person hearing the blast from a 155 mm cannon, a distance away, receiving a pressure wave of 91 dBA or more would be negatively impacted by the sound.**

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP?: Unconventional Concepts, Inc (UCI) is registered with the NYS-Department of State (DOS) as a "Foreign Business Corporation" [NYS-DOS ID: 6237189]. **What country is UCI fronting for?**

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Applicant / Project Title:	Michael Hopmeier
Comment Period Ends:	Thursday, October 30, 2025
APA Project ID:	2021-0276
Project Description:	A proposed weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels. A portable 155mm howitzer barrel assembly is proposed to be placed on a 100-foot by 100-foot crushed gravel pad and test-fired on a 197-acre property. Each test would fire a steel projectile into a target area. No explosive warheads are proposed to be used. The howitzer assembly is proposed to be fired up to 30 times per year on weekdays, between the hours of 10am and 4pm. Click here for a full project description and materials.

Project Location:
Hale Hill Lane, Town of Lewis
Project County:
Essex
APA Land Use Classification:
Rural Use

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

I am writing as a resident who lives within the Adirondack Park boundary. I have owned property here for 25 years and live here full-time. On the Adirondack Park's website, it states that nearly half of the park is constitutionally protected to remain "forever wild" forest preserve. I firmly believe that those of us who own private property within the park are morally obligated to uphold the "forever wild" concept. Just because I own land doesn't mean that I can conduct irresponsible activities that will harm the environment. I cannot reconcile how Mr. Hopmeier's project can possibly be conducted within the Adirondack Park, given the purpose of the Park.

As a resident, I already live with previous decisions allowing the military to conduct exercises in the Park. On a regular basis, C-17 and C-130s fly over my house at 200-300 feet. In addition to those planes, fighter jets fly down Lake George at levels lower than can possibly be within a permitted height. The noise they make frightens me every time they go by. While I don't like it, it is one thing for the military to conduct these exercises, but Mr. Hopmeier is not part of the U.S. military. There is no reason for him, as a private citizen, to need a weapons range to test internal ballistics of cannon barrels. There are not enough precautions that can be taken to protect: the land around the site - which is used for recreation and brings positive economic activity to the area; the soil - which will have fallout from the materials being tested; and limiting the sound when the testing is conducted 30 times per year. The sound alone, will cause abject fear in animals and people, ever single time there is a test.

Please do not permit this project.

Thank you,
Betty Jordan

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Karen Baker
Email from: karen.baker.d@gmail.com
Address: 154 Margaret Street Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please take note that I am opposed to this project. Sound pollution in our beloved Adirondack Park does not serve the residents who permanently live here or those who come here on vacation to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

Machines that can cause violence (howitzers, for example) are anathema to our way of life in the Adirondack Park. Please vote "No" on this proposed weapons range proposal.

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Email from: laurel295@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Prefer site such as Ft Drum, to centralize noise and concussive blast, contain any attendant pollution.

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Address: 139 Water St Elizabethtown New York 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

I am writing to voice strong opposition to the Michael Hopmeier Project 2021-0276 to test military weapons in the Adirondack Park and request that the Adirondack Park Agency hold an adjudicatory public hearing regarding this proposal.

I grew up in the Adirondacks and my home is in the town of Elizabethtown, NY, the Essex County Seat, which is right next to the town of Lewis which is the planned location of this project. We also have a family camp located on Lincoln Pond which is very close to Lewis. My father worked for the DEC in water management in the Adirondacks and we recognize the importance of retaining the Park's natural resources, wildlife, and recreation while balancing those environmental protections with economic development. We have great respect for the work of the APA and feel approval of this project would be completely antithetical to its mission.

We have read the the project description that is lacking reliable research and statistics about the negative effects on the environment, residents, and wildlife. This is a proposal from a private contractor from Florida who obviously has no knowledge nor regard for the actual effects on our Adirondack environment. This project would have a negative impact on the residents in the area. The decibel levels are not only dangerous and annoying to the residents and will affect tourists but will also disrupt the natural habitat of wildlife that will run away from the area, not to mention the effects on any livestock and pets! Who knows how the herbicides that they say they will be using will seep into our groundwater, lakes and streams or what the pollution effects could be from the debris of the projectiles. There is no way to know how the impact of these test weapons will destabilize the surrounding mountains. That will be dangerous to hikers and skiers and residents.

Weapons testing should be banned from our precious Adirondack Park. There are many other locations in the U.S. that are safer and more suitable.

The APA should absolutely hold an adjudicatory public hearing on this permit request. If the APA allows this to be

accepted, it will ruin its credibility as a protector of the Adk Park. We have seen the APA deny many requests that have minimal effects on the environment but allowing this one would have serious long term repercussions.

Sincerely,
Leslie Genier Cunningham
James B Cunningham

Dear Barbara + Keith,
10/22/35
Please put me on record
to support full public hearing
process in proposal for Hopewell
project. Clearly incompatible
with APA act,
Regards,
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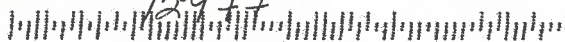
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Dear Executive Director Rice,

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to hold a formal adjudicatory hearing on the proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Testing Project in the Town of Lewis (P2021-0276) for the following reasons:

1. Ballistics Testing Is Incompatible With the APA Act.

Introducing private projectile testing sets a troubling precedent that conflicts with the Park's conservation purpose. Rural Use is one of the Park's most sensitive private land classifications, intended to protect open space, wildlife, and quiet rural character. Authorizing a private ballistics range would contradict these purposes and undermine the land use vision for the region.

2. Noise and Environmental Impacts Are Not Fully Examined.

The applicant's noise analysis lacks sufficient detail to show there will be no undue adverse impact on nearby homes, wildlife, recreation areas, or the Park's natural soundscape.

3. A Full Adjudicatory Hearing Is Necessary.

There are unresolved legal, environmental, and community questions that demand expert review and public transparency.

In conclusion, please hold an adjudicatory hearing on the Hopmeier Project, given the groundswell of local and public interest, the unprecedented nature of this project, and the potential impacts to human and wild communities.

Sincerely,

Lolita and Joseph Buran <<http://url9209.yourconstituent.com/wf/open?upn=u001.wSZVrFNOo7-2FagqYRvNGZzUErH7y7kiVz3XtUSBusjkACP4fVKJcWZ7Pfg8D8jRIstt-2BxkgOY7EI-2BuCfKmQxzsT-2BBxUFNvykB9r1EF8cTSJ-2BnYWh-2BsQPfFctiFbkgzly0kw0YZC-2FNkajc6xOOubLG9w-2FPO7oNwfuAL62wQiHntYepdUzExJNOO1DPjNq4HdsYC2nTpWHNBm4YTH-2Ba6sU8ZlyOnTEqKvUEUfAlf8LjoiKxGveXMjLFsrpRoHqwyAjLu7GY6qEw8Hw-2B9cxnxiOHx1jF4kfShuDMIQcmG2tZuMQItb-2FXMd1YPkAMQDXRUcaOQcDCrVqFE32hCVvtwu4beA-2Bf26kG3-2BOw4L8WDqWzWk-3D>>

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Margo Cooper
Email from: margocooper23@yahoo.com
Address: 60 Church St New York 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

NO, NO, NO on project 2021-0276. We should not have weapons testing in the Adirondack Park. There is enough violence going on in this country and the world to test new weapons. Besides it would set a precedent for other companies to misuse our wonderful park. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Margo Cooper

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My Comments:

Weapons testing does not belong anywhere near the Adirondack Park. The park is a sanctuary for people and wildlife. This type of noise pollution is unacceptable in such an amazing area. Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 8:25 AM
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Mr. Aldinger:

Please find enclosed here my comments on the UCI proposal P2021-0276. I have attempted to upload my comments via the link provided ([APA Public Input Opportunity Details](#)) several times only to receive a "403 Forbidden" response. I trust you will be able to incorporate my comments into the project documents.

Thank you,

Robert Dillon

Dr. Robert Dillon Comments on UCI Proposal P2021-0276

I strongly support the UCI application. I have intimate knowledge of this effort and am a world renowned expert and former director of the Army's lead research institution into this field of research with forty years of experience in cannon blast studies. The facts in this case have been blurred to the point of absurdity.

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The APA has from the outset demonstrated an openly hostile and staggeringly uninformed approach to UCI's proposal that has bordered on hysteria. They have a banal disregard for relevant facts and are obsessed with irrelevance and minutia, cavalierly cherry picking and distorting information to their advantage and UCI's disadvantage. They have demonstrated a complete unwillingness to understand the nature of the proposed efforts, a continual and arguably intentional misrepresentation of any perceived hazards surrounding this effort, a complete unwillingness to educate themselves or engage knowledgeable consultants on the nature of the perceived hazards, and a bureaucratic overreach that borders on the illegal. In meetings with the APA their disdain for UCI has been palpable.

Some of the facts the APA continually chooses to ignore:

1. The material tested conforms to the US Army standards for noise exposure to personnel. The men and women who train with and operate the equipment are the most exposed to the noise hazard. The strict standards governing the noise limits on army materiel ensure these people are safe. Consequently, the noise levels at the nearest neighboring receivers are as low as those from hunting rifles.
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Robert Dillon, PhD, PE

Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (Retired)

From: Sandra Aery <paery@roadrunner.com>
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Greetings:

As we lie in bed listening to jets fly over our home at all hours the feeling is unnerving given the anxiety in our own country and the world today. We can only imagine what the residents of Lewis are feeling, especially the children and seniors such as ourselves, as Black Hawk helicopters fill their sky's.

For these and all the ramifications so aptly stated in the essay of Matthew Keating in his Letter to the Editor in the October 23rd edition of the Adirondack Daily Enterprise we strongly oppose the proposal before the board to build a weapons testing facility at the former nuclear missile silo in Lewis, New York, Essex County. It is our understanding that 10 such sites exist in the greater Adirondack Region. This could set a precedent for future expansion. Do we want this environment in our pristine Adirondacks? We certainly do not! Please reject this application.

Sincerely

Paul & Sandra Aery

Saranac Lake

Essex County

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Comments from: Sandra Rust
Email from: sjrust@gmail.com
Address: 12836
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

To the Adirondack Park Agency,

Please consider my opinion that I am opposed this proposal. We need to do everything possible to preserve the peace and tranquility of the Adirondacks. We need to adhere and honor the idea of "Forever Wild." I do know this is private property, but the fact that it abuts NY state forest land in the Adirondack Park is of considerable concern both to human and wildlife inhabitants of the Adirondack Park. Please know that I am in opposition to this project and my sincere desire is that you deny this project.

Sincerely,
Sandra Rust

From: Alex French <alexjrench14@gmail.com>
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Adirondack Park Agency

Public Comment on APA Project No. 2021-0276 — Town of Lewis, Essex County

By: Alex French

I. Issue

The Adirondack Park Agency is considering an application (Project No. 2021-0276) from a private landowner in the Town of Lewis, Essex County—original Blue Line territory since the Park's creation in 1892—to construct and operate a firing range for a 155 mm howitzer. The proposal involves a gravel pad and test firing of large artillery up to 30 times per year. The project site lies within a Rural Use land classification under the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan (APLUDP).

The issue is whether permitting the testing of military-grade weapons in a Rural Use zone is consistent with the purpose of this classification and the foundational intent of the Park's creation.

II. Rule

Under the APLUDP, Rural Use lands are intended to “preserve the open space character of the park” and to accommodate only low-intensity development compatible with “important natural resources, rural character, open space and scenic values” (Executive Law § 805). These areas serve as buffers and connective tissue between hamlets and more sensitive resource management lands, and are expected to retain the quiet, natural, and rural qualities that make the Adirondacks unique.

This classification reflects the original purpose of the Adirondack Park—to protect large, undeveloped landscapes from incompatible uses—a vision that dates back to the Park's 1892 creation and the “Forever Wild” constitutional amendment adopted in 1894.

III. Application

Firing a 155 mm howitzer in a rural landscape is an inherently high-intensity, high-impact activity. The shock waves, noise, and military character of this use are incompatible with the rural and open-space intent of the classification.

Noise impacts: Numerous studies have shown that loud, unpredictable noise events disrupt wildlife behavior, including breeding, foraging, and migration. For example, Barber et al. (2010) found that elevated anthropogenic noise “alters wildlife distributions, increases stress hormones, and reduces reproductive success” in birds and mammals (Conservation Biology, 24:2).

Character of the area: Rural Use areas are meant to buffer sensitive landscapes and maintain ecological and social quietude. Introducing military artillery undermines these values—not only through noise, but also by changing the perceived and actual landscape character. This is not a private skeet range or an agricultural operation; it is the introduction of a weapons testing facility into an iconic rural landscape.

Intent of the Park: The Adirondack Park was created precisely to shield landscapes from intensive and industrialized uses.

Inviting military weapons testing into one of the oldest portions of the Blue Line fundamentally contradicts that intent.

IV. Conclusion

Permitting a 155 mm howitzer range in Rural Use territory would set a dangerous precedent and erode the foundational principles of the Adirondack Park. The APA should reject the permit application as inconsistent with the land use classification and the Park's statutory mission.

As Aldo Leopold wrote, "The first rule of intelligent tinkering is to save all the pieces."

Testing military weapons is not intelligent tinkering. We will not have all the pieces of a wilderness remaining in the Town if this permit is granted. This is best confined to already degraded landscapes, not in the last large wild safe havens in the eastern United States. The Adirondacks are a refuge from such activities. They are not needed here.

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I strongly oppose this use of the Adirondack Park.

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Address: New york 12901
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am in full support as are the other members of my family.

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Comments from: Catherine Moore
Email from: Moorecatherine6@gmail.com
Address: 7 Dorchester Rd Saranac Lake 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There is no way this weapons testing of ballistic cannon barrels should be considered in the Adirondack Park. This would be devastating to the people who reside here for a peaceful refuge to live in peace and enjoy nature. It would be damaging to the wildlife with the noise disrupting their reproduction and nesting cycles. We've already had ponds polluted from ammunition, which could be a potential hazard to our lakes. This is what the APA was created for. Please turn down this project immediately.

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Comments from: Chelsie Russo
Email from: Russochelsie@outlook.com
Address: 569 Stratton Hill rd West Chazy NY 12992
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is upsetting. This is the Adirondack Park. This non-local should target practice in his hometown.

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Comments from: Cheryl Erickson
Email from: Cheryleric@gmail.com
Address: 366 Bean Rd Brant Lake NY 12815
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Adirondack Park Administration,

I am writing in regards to the proposed weapons range within our State Park. I am absolutely, 100% against this usage of the land within our beloved Adirondack State Park. There are many designated weapons ranges out west in the deserts that are restricted areas with the specific intention of doing these kinds of tests. In New York, we are lucky to have a large wildlife preserve, that is the ADK State park, which is a beloved sanctuary for both our human and animal inhabitants. It would be a hostile action, to allow this type of non-permitted land usage in our beautiful park. There are so many alternative uses for this acreage that would not stomp on the character of our State Park and create such detrimental effects to our human and wildlife population.

Additionally, who would monitor these activities? Once (if) this is approved, how can you regulate against further and more extensive military contractor testing? We will have opened a gate for contractor levels of money to come into our park, buy up lots of land, and use it for military industrial purposes or any other sort of commercial purpose. This testing will eventually lead to military arms sales. That is a commercial purpose that the government will eventually exempt from environmental regulations. What happens then?

In summary: I vehemently oppose allowing this use of land within our park.

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I strongly oppose the APA granting an approval for project 2021-2017. That a permit has been requested for a project so contrary to the rules and vision of the APA speaks volumes. One argument in favor of approval being granted is for economic benefit for the hamlet of Lewis. This is completely bogus. A payroll for 10 people not involved in either service or retail is too small even in a small town. If this is approved the effect will actually be negative as the value of every home in the area will be diminished. No one will be interested in buying property where noise especially at night will be common. For example, I will not even spend the night in a motel where a previous occupant mentions noise in their review. So in addition to environmental degradation, there will be economic devaluation. In recent years we have benefited from an increase in agricultural activity in our area. Animals are very negatively sensitive to noise. My husband and I enjoyed the Meadowmount concerts in Lewis. I can just imagine a howitzer being set off during an evening performance.

Over the past decade and half, my husband and I have donated conservation easements on nearly 500 acres of land most being in Essex County inside the blue line. We purposefully did this in an effort to leave some pristine areas for future generations. In addition to this initiative we find ourselves spending too much time and money just trying to maintain the status quo. Too many entrepreneurs and developers see these preserved areas that have been protected a hundred years as a commodity ripe for the picking. We are saddened and appalled at the completed projects that are totally out of character to the surrounding areas and pity the folks adversely affected. As taxpayers we have invested plenty in Fort Drum. It shouldn't be too much of a hardship to move this proposed project to that venue and not diminish our area. At some point it has to be recognized that unchecked growth in the park is counter to the act.

Thirty years ago I served on the Planning Board for the Town of Willsboro with Ted Ruzow. He had no trouble saying No. it was amazing to see him in action at a board meeting. If APA board members lack the backbone of Ted, perhaps this isn't the job for them.

Sincerely,
Leanna DeNeale
Sent from my iPhone

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DEar Frederick Aldinger,

I am against this project as non-conforming to the character of the ADK park and especially its impact on nearby (just a couple of miles) Eagle Mountain Wilderness Preserve where I and others like to hike and experience the beauty and quiet of this area. This preserve is wildlife corridor between US and Canada and the very loud and frequent (>30 days a year) use of the howitzers will impact species migration.

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Regards,
Dominic Eisinger
30 Jackson Rd, Keene, NY 12942

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Comments from: Dona Frazee
Email from: Dfrazee@nycap.rr.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is a horrid proposal that would negatively affect the quality of life of those residing in the vicinity, not to mention the detrimental effect it would have on wildlife. This must not be approved! Take it to a military site or to a desert, far from residences and wildlife!

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Email from: elikramer@gmail.com
Address: Ossining NY 10562
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The acoustic impacts of artillery testing is detrimental to wildlife in the park and it does not serve a purpose compatible with forever wild.

From: Emma McGraw <emma.r.mcgraw@gmail.com>
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I am opposed to this approval/activity in Adirondack Park. I am concerned about residents, wildlife, and seasonal visitors/homeowners. Please do not approve his proposal.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Frank W Scamacca
Email from: fscamacca@roadrunner.com
Address: 105 Heathwood Road Williamsville NY 14221
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

NO.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:41 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: skidog17@msn.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Gregory wait
Email from: skidog17@msn.com
Address: 475 County Route 10 Corinth NY 12822
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Sir,

There are a dozen really good reason why this project should be denied. This is the Adirondack Park! Please deny this project. There are many places where this project would be appropriate. Not in the greatest, wildest, most beautiful State Park in the country. As a mental health nurse for 25 years I am qualified to write that anything but denial of this proposal is shear insanity, and will, and can only degrade the character of our park. If anyone on the board is thinking this project may be a good idea, and I cannot even imagine why, there needs to be a hearing.

Thank you, Gregory Wait

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:52 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: maranikimaa@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Idominia Falorca
Email from: maranikimaa@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this proposal. It would significantly diminish the quality of life for residents and taxpayers within the Adirondack Park, adversely affect and disrupt local wildlife, and permanently compromise one of the Park's fundamental values: tranquility.

I strongly urge the APA to reject this proposal.

Long-time resident and taxpayer,

Idominia Falorca

From: Jaime Collins <JCollins@orda.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:21 PM
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Good afternoon,

I tried to make a comment using the online form but repeatedly received an error message.

Regarding the Michael Hopmeier project, I'd like to submit this

Howizters in the Adirondacks? This is completely antithetical to our precious forest preserve and 6 million acres of wilderness. I can't stomach knowing these implements of war and destruction and death will be tested here in our treasured lands. Please, no.

Jaime

Jaime Collins (she/her)
Communications Manager

Olympic Regional Development Authority
37 Church Street | Lake Placid, NY 12946

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jayne Battin
Email from: jaynebattin@gmail.com
Address: 132 Plains Rd Peru NY 12972
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this project. I have concerns about the quality of life for people in the surrounding area as well as the wildlife and habitats that may be affected.
I don't think the noise pollution and its effect on animal populations is well studied. I know that people in the area have suffered rising costs of living while encumbering decreased access to services such as healthcare. I don't believe that the intentions of rural use designated zones were to allow for such ballistic tests in the Adirondack Park. An appropriate place for such testing would be the BLM federal lands out west, not in our local community, which has the potential to cause suffering to both people and animals.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jeff Baker
Email from: jeff.baker967@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As someone who visits the Adirondacks frequently, and in the area of the town of Lewis, I write to voice my extreme opposition to the proposed weapons range. Such an activity will mar the entire point of the Adirondacks - the beauty, nature, and stillness will be disrupted by the activity of this proposal. I urge the powers that be to reject this request from Mr. Hopmeier.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:55 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: richjes77@hotmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jessica Rich
Email from: richjes77@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Beyond the noise pollution, potential danger, and absurdity of this project, there is no good reason for someone from another state to use Adirondack land in this way. It took my parents months to get a small shed approved in their property in the park, and THIS abomination could be allowed? What are you even doing??

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jody Johnston
Email from: jjmets80@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

"Forever wild" does not include ballistic armaments. There are plenty of areas that would be better suited for this type of testing.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: jlewis034@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: john lewis
Email from: jlewis034@gmail.com
Address: 214 Shear Hill Rd Mahopac NY 10541
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Keep additional military stuff out of the Adirondacks. What we have there is the epiphany of nature. Let him test his products in Virginia.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:35 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jori Wekin
Email from: joriwekin@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposal is unprecedented and incompatible with the APA Act (the regional land use law), and the APA must require a full adjudicatory hearing before making any decision.

A formal adjudicatory hearing features expert testimony, sworn evidence, and cross-examination in front of an administrative law judge that otherwise cannot be considered. It is the transparent way to examine this proposal's risks. The Agency has not held such a hearing in 14 years, and this unprecedented project warrants one.

Please hold a Adjudicatory Hearing for this potential project that should be publicly addressed.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: kaitlin.m.parker@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kaitlin Parker
Email from: kaitlin.m.parker@gmail.com
Address: 8 Lawrence Ave Malone NY 12953
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear APA,

I find it offensive that Mr. Hopmeier lives in Virginia, yet wants to use the Adirondacks to test military-grade cannons.

I imagine if he wanted to test cannons in Virginia, his neighbors would have something to say about that. Does he think neighbors here would not be opposed to the idea as well?

How does this project benefit our region? Does it bring in jobs? Provide housing, healthcare or education? I can't see a single upside. I see only destruction of plants, animals and beloved peace of nature.

Thank you,
Kaitlin Parker
Malone

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kathy Russo
Email from: Mountainmama121@gmail.com
Address: P.O. Box 538, 121 Ray Woods Rd Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

We purchased our current home over 27 years ago because my husband's family had ties, a home, and loved the area. We recently retired here, about three years ago, after years of family, friends, etc. loving the area and visiting us on a regular basis bringing along monies into the area. Not till I knew the area I was perplexed why everyone thought it was so unreal. It didn't take me long to agree. Our house and immediate surrounding area has brought us all many memories of our family and friends spending numerous times enjoying the serenity, beauty and uncompromised wilderness. Since then we have retired and now enjoy each and every day at the wonder of the area. Could we have retired elsewhere? Sure....but why would we! People spend hundreds and thousands of dollars to live here! Tourism and dollars to our communities will be lost. And now even my own children are questioning if they want to spend their summer vaca here knowing they would be subject to explosions that are not desirable. We have worked hard and long to make our property attractive and but all the work, monies, and sweat would go to waste. Our property values will as well as all others decline. Graduating seniors will continue to go elsewhere! Have no idea why a council that is here to protect would lower themselves to the pressures of what appears to be government contracts and no real truth as to why you would consider this app. Shame on all members to think they would be doing the right thing to pass this. Obviously they have NO vested interest. Shame on you! Think first of what the Adirondacks stand for! And then reject this proposal! Something smells fishy!! Go do this at a military approved site. We do NOT WANT THIS!!!

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kev Kaz
Email from: Kevlaur3@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am very pro military and want our armed forces to be the best and most efficient they can be. However, I'm appalled at the idea of how it is being tested in Lewis, New York. This will affect all living creatures in the areas, two legged, four legged winged, etc. The displacement and negative effect of fireworks alone causes many issues for animals, veterans, and people just trying to live peacefully. The decibels of these howitzers is unthinkable in a rural and tranquil area. I see no reason for an APA to exist if this is even considered for a moment. It will become apparent to all of us that the APA exists for something other than the protection of the Adirondacks. Do the right thing and you know what it is. We all do. Don't embarrass your agency.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kylee Clark
Email from: clarkkylee01@gmail.com
Address: 5977 state route 30 Lake Clear NY 12945
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As many houses in the Adirondacks, my home is over 100 years old. The foundation is fragile from the many harsh Adirondack winters and warm summers. The temperature changes cause shifts, and the possible disturbance from these weapons could cause irreparable damage and harm. Beside my own personal reasons to not do this, think of the thousands of animals that have lived in this area, protected from harmful chemicals and noises for centuries. It is inhumane and downright selfish to even consider this mission. Get a grip and take in the fresh air, the Adirondacks does not need your military experiments.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lora W. Langston
Email from: langston.lora@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear APA,
Please carefully scrutinize the proposed weapons range testing project. Is it truly best for the Adirondack Park and for the residents living in Lewis?

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lori Fitzgerald
Email from: lorifitzgerald310@hotmail.com
Address: 34 Pioneer Lane LAKE PLACID NY 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

No, just no. Because our communities have open space d And houses aren't close together doesn't mean you can use them to create noise and pollution. There is a negative effect on residents from a barrage if earsplitting blasta. Wildlife will be disrupted by loud unexpected noises impacting our entire ecosystem. And what tourist wants to visit a place where the sounds of war echo in the hills.

This request is ridiculous.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Luanna V Smith
Email from: luvsmith2000@yahoo.com
Address: 73 Webster St Malone NY 12953
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

No. Do not bring this craziness to the adirondacks. No. No. No.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Marie Engels
Email from: minstrel_51@yahoo.com
Address: 44 Cemetery St, Dickinson Center, NY 12930
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Although I do not live near the proposed site, I adamantly reject any such firing range in the Adirondacks. This is a wildlife and wilderness park. Please let it stay that way. I believe Fort Drum already has such a firing range....take your ideas there.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mark H Eddy
Email from: mhe1956@gmail.com
Address: Old Forge
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I would speak fully in support of this project. Efforts have been made to absolutely minimize any public impact, the firing schedule of only up to 30 times per year is so little as in be virtually insignificant. I know in the past there have been projects that have been approved that have had far more "Blasting" for example mining projects within the park. The impact here comes no where near those approved projects. Ft Drum near the larger population area has a firing range where actual 155 Howitzers are fired into the air several times per year, not just test barrels fired into a storage container of sand that in my experience as a gunsmith will mitigate the sound. I fire live rifle rounds in my basement into a 5 gallon bucket of sand to test firearms and have never had a concern from anyone and the sound is very much absorbed. Please do not allow emotional folks who are poorly informed to negatively affect this application. Thank You, Mark H Eddy

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mark W Sauter
Email from: markwsauter@gmail.com
Address: 459 Hyde rd WESTPORT NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not do this in Lewis. Find another spot in the desert or something. Please. This part of the ADK is very quiet. I thought I was getting invade with the Blackhawks, now this? Do not do this.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Micah
Email from: MicahBeahan0709@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I will be relocating to essex county within the next month; and am deeply concerned about the impacts of howitzer cannon usage within the adirondack park. Not only will the firing of heavy weaponry deeply disturb the wildlife that are key to the thriving of this park, but will also significantly impact the recreational value and quality of life for visitors and residents.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Michael Gile
Email from: hopperms@yahoo.com
Address: 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this project for its effects on the quality of life that humans and animals deserve when they reside in the Park. Silence is one of the top things that protects a wilderness environment from the over developed, noisy civilization it needs to be protected from.

Thank you,

Michael Gile

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mike chowske
Email from: m.chowske@gmail.com
Address: 123 Hillcrest Ave Lake Placid NY 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

just NO.

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Comments from: Molly Bartlett
Email from: Mollibster@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I do not support this. It is an unnecessary exercise that will damage and disturb the environment and neighbors

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Cc: morgan.groshner@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Morgan Groshner
Email from: morgan.groshner@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 256 Lake Placid NY 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't think this should be allowed

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Noah Bohl
Email from: Ngb9ny@gmail.com
Address: Potsdam NY 13676
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As a frequent visitor of the park, and someone who grew up going to the Adirondack Park, I feel that this proposed testing range goes against the very core of what the park is intended to be. The sound will cause major disturbances to not only residents, but also the wildlife of the area. This will only push the park away from its "forever wild" mission, and serves no public benefit. This testing could be completed outside of the park without any issue, so I don't see why it warrants being done within the Adirondack park given the disturbance this will create.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Nora Nadire
Email from: noracnadire@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I OPPOSE APA Project P2021-0276. Firing a portable 155 mm howitzer on a 197-acre Adirondack parcel up to 30 times/year will create long-term contamination risks to soils and groundwater, produce disruptive and hazardous noise/airblast effects, and create unacceptable safety/danger-zone exposure to residents, visitors, and wildlife. The APA must deny the proposal outright. (Cite: APA Project P2021-0276 public notice; APA staff memos; EPA guidance on munitions contamination; peer-reviewed studies on shooting range contaminants.)
PMC+3apa.ny.gov+3ht.apa.ny.gov+3 This proposal trades hard, permanent environmental and community harms for a narrow technical testing benefit that can be obtained far better — and much more safely — at established, engineered military test ranges designed for that work. There is no legitimate public-interest reason to locate high-energy, large-caliber testing inside the Adirondack Park where people live, drink, fish, and rely on the landscape for livelihoods and ecological services. Sincerely, Nora Nadire (resident of Essex, NY)

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Patricia Nelson
Email from: Nelsonterrace@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project sounds contrary to the mission of the Adirondack Park Commission. Who benefits?
It sounds like a game set up for someone's entertainment. It's only a matter of time before someone is injured.

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From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Paul Heinrich
Email from: paullheinrich@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have traveled to Adirondack Park many times to backpack and climb over the years. Testing of artillery close to Adirondack Park and the Jay Mountain Wilderness is simply incompatible with park. I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to reject this application.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Rebekah Puddington
Email from: rkpuddington@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to the proposed military weapons testing site in the Adirondacks. I am from Lewis County, NY, about 140 miles/3 hours west of Lewis, NY, where this testing site is being proposed. I grew up in the Adirondack foothills, and the Adirondacks are an integral part of what I consider home. I am deeply concerned at the intent to use and desecrate any part of the North Country for testing weapons. Doing so here would disrupt and be harmful to the environment and its inhabitants, with physical debris and with sound, as well as with any so-called "development" that would need to take place to build this testing facility. I also adamantly oppose inviting any more part of the military-industrial complex to enter and operate in our park. The military has no place in the Adirondack State Park. It is for the people and more-than-human creatures and ecosystem that make it what it is, not for the armed forces.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Reece Napierski
Email from: reecenapierski@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There are plenty of open spaces in NYS. There is no need to endanger pristine nature for military testing when there are myriad alternatives.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Sharon Berg
Email from: sharonberg79@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 3 Wevertown NY 12886
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Approving this proposal would negatively and unnecessarily impact the quality of life for wildlife and residents. It is counter to the wild and peaceful lifestyle that characterizes Adirondack living.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Stefanie Obkirchner
Email from: Steffobk@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Military testing can and should take occur in already designated training grounds, not in a park created to protect nature and tranquility. The Adirondacks are a sanctuary not military proving grounds. The Adirondack Park is known for its pristine wilderness, quiet recreation and varied wildlife. Firing heavy artillery would shatter all of this.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Stephanie sears
Email from: Stefsears@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to weapons testing in the Adirondack park.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Thomas Gebbie
Email from: tgebbie@gmail.com
Address: 313 S MAIN ST TELFORD PA 18969
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

While I admit that the Adirondacks can be quite rural, there are so many other government installations across the country that are far more remote and more appropriate for such a use. This is a terrible idea and does not belong in the East.

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OCT 28 2025

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Ray Brook, NY 12977

October 27, 2025

Re: Permit Application 2021-0276
Unconventional Concepts, Inc.
Comment submitted pursuant to the Agency Public Comment Policy

We live 5.8 miles as the crow (or the sound wave) flies from the howitzer firing range proposed by the above permit application. We join in the requests of the Adirondack Council and other public commenters that the Agency convene an adjudicatory hearing to review the above-referenced permit application (Letter from Adirondack Council to Adirondack Park Agency, 9/1/22; see also *Adirondack Council Seeks Hearing on Military Cannon Testing in Lewis*, Adirondack Almanack, 10/22/25) for all of the reasons stated in the Adirondack Council's requests, and for the additional reasons set forth below.

Summary

More facts are needed before deciding whether to grant or deny this permit, which is of a type that has never before been requested from the Agency. As noted by the Adirondack Council, such a hearing would "allow the agency to consider expert insights that have not been part of the application process." Several examples of potential testimony by those with actual, hands-on experience firing 155mm howitzers are attached for your review and referred to below. Such a hearing could also provide additional testimony and other evidence allowing a fully informed decision after a more fulsome consideration of environmental impacts and the interests of all stakeholders.

While adjudicatory hearings are the exception, not the rule, this permit application, the five Notices of Incomplete Permit Applications (NIPAs), the appeal of the fifth NIPA, and the May 8, 2024 Memorandum to Regulatory Programs Committee from Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds detailing the procedural history and issues relating to this application all suggest that more information is needed before an informed decision can be made on this

permit application – just the type of circumstance for which an adjudicatory hearing is appropriate, and expressly permitted.

There is no requirement that this application be granted, particularly given the repeated Agency requests for additional information and the repeated lack of transparency and inconsistent or incomplete responses by the applicant, who is seemingly unwilling to supply the information requested by the Agency. There are hundreds of commercial industrial areas where the requested testing would be similar to or not inconsistent with their current use. There are not hundreds of areas like the Adirondack wilderness. There is no compelling need to allow a new commercial industrial venture that would unquestionably impact and degrade our unique, unreproducible local environment. The commercial industrial use requested would likely permanently compromise the peace and tranquility of the neighboring lands for miles and for years, if not permanently.

Factors that Support Convening an Adjudicatory Hearing

Insofar as relevant to the current permit application, 9 NYCRR 580.2(a) provides that:

The criteria employed in determining whether to conduct a public hearing include:

- (1) the size and/or complexity of the project, whether measured by cost, area, effect upon municipalities, or uniqueness of resources likely to be affected;
- (2) the degree of public interest in the project, as evidenced by communication from the general public, governmental officials or private organizations;
- (3) the presence of significant issues relating to the criteria for approval of the project;
- (4) the possibility that the project can only be approved if major modifications are made or substantial conditions are imposed;
- (5) the possibility that information presented at a public hearing would be of assistance to the agency in its review;
- (6) the extent of public involvement achieved by other means; . . .

The information included below addresses each of these criteria. In each case, the criteria justifies the convening of an adjudicatory hearing, but in particular (1) the uniqueness of the resources likely to be affected, (2) the degree of public interest in the project, and (5) the possibility that information presented at a hearing that would assist the Agency's review of the permit application strongly support the holding of such hearing.

First, as noted by APA spokesman Keith McKeever, the Agency has never before reviewed an application for a munitions testing facility, a new commercial use on rural use lands (Craig, *Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, *Adirondack Explorer*, 8/19/22). Thus, proceeding cautiously, as the Agency has to date, is both appropriate and responsible.

By now the degree of public interest in this project is self-evident from the content and extent of the public comments previously submitted to the Agency and now included in the record materials relating to this application. Beyond that, since the filing of the initial permit application in November of 1991, the *Adirondack Explorer* and *Adirondack Almanack* have published many articles (*see e.g.*, *Adirondack Explorer* and *Adirondack Almanack* articles dated 10/22/25, 10/17/25, 10/16/25, 5/16/24, 4/17/24, 8/19/22, for example) concerning the Agency's review of the application, the five NIPAs, the appeal of the 5th NIPA, and the reconsideration of the application schedule to take place at the November 13-14, 2025 Agency meeting. Every article has resulting in numerous postings in the appended comment section, some in favor of the project,¹ most opposed. The level of public engagement with this application online and, when given a chance in person, is a factor strongly favoring the transparency that an adjudicatory hearing would provide.

As detailed in the Memorandum to the Regulatory Programs Committee from Sarah Reynolds, Associate Counsel, dated May 8, 2024, which thoroughly details the history of this application, the five NIPAs, the multiple incomplete submissions and the appeal of the 5th NIPA, there is reason to question the accuracy and completeness of the ever-changing representations made in support of this application.

But actions speak louder than words. In September, 2025, local residents were "startled and angered" by low-flying Black Hawk helicopters and the sounds of gunfire from military exercises in Lewis that involved about 20 aircraft and 1,000 military personnel. These exercises continued well into the night and early morning hours. This exercise was facilitated

¹ The comments in favor are generally limited to "howitzers aren't that loud" (false), or "he's using his own land" (but the APA restricts land use by owners, and the impacts from the proposed use extend far beyond the owner's property lines).

by and conducted with the assistance and permission of Mr. Hopmeier, the applicant for this permit.²

Residents reported that during the exercise, low-flying aircraft and gunfire produced “ear-splitting noise both during the day and at night . . . disruptive to life in their normally quiet, family friendly communities” (Rowland, *Military Exercises Surprise Lewis Residents*, Adirondack Explorer, 9/17/25). Mr. Rowland went on to report that

Emma Jean O’Kusky, whose property is nearby [Mr. Hopmeier’s missile] silo, said she’s also worried about the effect on pets, horses, children with disabilities and veterans suffering from PTSD.

“The (helicopters) are not up in the mountains, they’re not near the missile base. They’re not over Lake Champlain. They’re hovering over people’s homes. What’s the purpose of that?” she said. “The machine guns and the rifles are so loud it’s scary, and the helicopters do a lot of hovering — they’re so low it shakes the house.” (*Id.*).

Despite lip service in the present application to “minimizing noise impact on the local population” and “the maintenance to the greatest extent possible of the pristine and natural environment in which we live,” and fawning praise from Town of Lewis Supervisor James Monty – “From all accounts and by direct observation [Hopmeier] has been an excellent community member and neighbor, as well as being a careful and considerate steward of his existing property . . . maintaining his property and keeping it environmentally pristine” (Letter dated April 4, 2022, included in the Agency record of this application), these military exercises – which were not confined to Mr. Hopmeier’s property but instead directly affected properties throughout the Town of Lewis – were held without any prior notice to the affected neighbors other than a single posting on the town’s website.

Notably, in the present application Mr. Hopmeier proposed minimizing the impact on the local community by notifying all interested parties at last one week before any operation from a list provided by the Town Supervisor. Mr. Hopmeier’s commitment to mitigating the effects of his actions on his neighbors might be questioned, given his failure to employ the method that he suggested before conducting the recent military operations that were at least as, if not more, intrusive than those that are the subject of this present application. Well after the fact and in response to public objections, Mr. Hopmeier defended his actions – “All I can say is we did make the effort we thought was reasonable. Apparently it was not sufficient,

² Although the applicant has changed during the repeated reconsiderations of this permit application, in these comments we will continue to refer to Mr. Hopmeier, the real party in interest, as the applicant.

so we're happy to go ahead and try to do something different," (referring only to prior notification, not any other mitigation of the activities themselves) (Rowland, *Lewis Residents Push Back Against Military Exercises*, Adirondack Explorer, 10/17/25).

To address the public outcry that followed these surprise military exercises, on October 16, 2025, the Town of Lewis held a public meeting that was attended by some 75 citizens. According to Adirondack Explorer reporting, despite the objections of those in attendance, "excellent community member and neighbor" Hopmeier stated that he has no plans to end these exercises, for which no permit is apparently required. He offered no suggestions for mitigating the effects of these military exercises on Town of Lewis neighbors other than improved prior notification in the future, and went on to minimize (as he has in the present permit application) the noise levels of the operation, misleadingly equating the sounds of hovering Black Hawk helicopters, gunfire, and explosions with that of a chainsaw or interstate traffic (Rowland, *Lewis Residents Push Back Against Military Exercises*, Adirondack Explorer, 10/17/25).

Mr. Hopmeier claims in the present application to be concerned with "the maintenance to the greatest extent possible of the pristine and natural environment in which we live, while still performing our operations," two interests that must be balanced. His actions have demonstrated that he values his interest in conducting military testing as superior to that of any consequences such testing may have on the surrounding community and illustrates his intent that his actions not be limited or restricted by legitimate community concerns. Beyond that, he has eschewed, both in the present application and in his subsequent statements and actions, any real commitment to mitigating the effects of his actions on the community. Thus, the laudatory language in the application looks to be nothing more than a performative attempt to mouth the words the Agency would like to hear, in service of obtaining a permit.

An adjudicatory hearing is all the more necessary because despite the vocal objections of the majority of Town of Lewis residents who have elected to be heard either online or in person, the applicant appears to have a willing partner in the Town of Lewis Supervisor (*see* Letter from James Monty, Town of Lewis Supervisor, 4/4/22), raising the question of possible undisclosed conflicts of interest. Has the Town of Lewis or have town officials received or been promised any financial or other benefit by the applicant in exchange for supporting this permit despite the vocal objections of residents? Are there any other undisclosed conflicts of interest affecting the positions of those supporting the application?

The sound studies submitted by the applicant are incomplete and misleading, as addressed below. Even if they weren't, technical descriptions of decibels and air pressure are poor substitutes for actually experiencing the firing of a 155mm howitzer. As noted in the sound study submitted with the application (the "Norway study"), howitzers are the loudest

weapons tested at a firing range, able to be heard for 10 miles depending on environmental conditions, limiting their testing at ranges near civilian populations. As just one example, the nationally-recognized Meadowmount School of Music is 5.5 miles from the proposed testing facility. The application makes no effort to address this, instead misleadingly minimizing the noise effects of the firings proposed.

Attached is the affidavit of Colonel Paul Vincent Ciminelli, USA (Ret) which describes his first-hand knowledge of the discharge of 155mm howitzers is actually like in testing and combat settings, acquired over his 30-year military career, as well as his experience with firing ranges and the testing and mitigation of the sound impacts from such firing. We have also attached anecdotal descriptions of others who have actually experienced a 155mm howitzer being discharged.

All this is to say that before determining the appropriateness of this unique activity in our rural setting, Agency representatives should know what it's actually like when a 155mm howitzer fires – from up close, 100 meters, a mile, two miles – to be in position to judge for themselves the real-world effects. Numbers on paper cannot replicate the shock wave, the heat, the smell, the flash, and the disorientation – never mind the noise – of a howitzer firing, as described by Col. Ciminelli and others who have actually experienced it.

Fort Drum, approximately 3 hours west of Lewis, has an existing military-grade firing range that is capable of the testing Mr. Hopmeier seeks to perform in Lewis. There is no military necessity for the testing requested to be in Lewis and no apparent benefit to performing the testing here rather than at an already-existing military test site, other than the financial benefit to Mr. Hopmeier. Although according to Mr. Hopmeier, it would be cost-prohibitive to conduct testing any further from the gun tube manufacturer in Watervliet, he has offered no support for this claim and no comparison, for example, of the relative costs of testing at another, already existing facility such as Fort Drum. If this claim is accurate, evidence establishing it would be relevant and could be offered and an adjudicatory hearing.

Another unanswered question that could be relevant to the Agency's ruling on this permit is the identity of the sponsor(s) of the proposed testing and what the sponsor's expectations are for the future of this testing or its expansion. Originally, the Army was sponsoring the testing proposed, but then issued a stop-work order and is apparently no longer engaged in the project. Mr. Hopmeier, who has previously refused to provide information relevant to the application requested by the agency (see May 8, 2024 Memorandum from Associate Counsel Sarah Reynolds; Craig, *Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, Adirondack Explorer, 8/19/22) has also not disclosed what entity will now be sponsoring the proposed testing. This too could be further developed and resolved at an adjudicatory hearing.

One possible sponsor could be the Future Flag program, a \$415 million dollar Air Force research and development effort based at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York (https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2024/04/15/the_air_forces_future_flag_experiment_is_a_success_1024987.html; Air Force Research Laboratory press release: <https://www.afrl.af.mil/News/Photos/igphoto/2003464884/>; New York Air National Guard Participates in Future Flag: <https://www.nationalguard.mil/News/Article-View/Article/3131920/new-york-air-national-guard-participates-in-future-flag/>).

If so, much more research and development financing might be contemplated beyond the current proposal of testing of gun tubes with inert rounds. In light of the ambiguous, non-limiting, and non-specific or contradictory language in the current application concerning the frequency of test firings (“sporadically,” “an average of no more than 30 shots per year,” “no more than 3 tests per month, one to three shots fired during each test” [*i.e.*, up to 108 shots], “up to 120 shots per year” [3rd and 5th NIPA]), distance (225 yards, 300 yards, 330 yards, 590 feet [or 196.6 yards]), duration (“*anticipated* to continue for a period of 5 years”), the types of testing (“range will be developed and used to assess the internal ballistics of various kinetic systems used by the United States”), and ever-changing explanations by the applicant concerning what is being tested, the manner and frequency of anticipated testing and so on, this application looks much like a foot-in-the-door effort to establish this never-before permitted use with an eye toward expanding operations in the future. Mr. Hopmeier specifically says as much in paragraph 14.a. of his application, referring to “expanding” or “expansion” four times in just that paragraph (*e.g.*, “This expansion is part of an ongoing strategic plan at UCI’s ADK facility . . . to support a wide array of research and development programs including environmental research, telecommunications, and national security”).

In other words, this permit application is likely not the end goal of this “expansion.” Instead, it appears to be just the beginning of what could be further, currently undisclosed but perhaps already contemplated expansion of the testing described, testing of other weapons systems (presently unidentified “various kinetic systems used by the United States”), and military or quasi-military training exercises. Apart from the broad description above, Mr. Hopmeier has not disclosed what might come next, although the recently-undertaken military exercises might offer some clue and serve as a warning.

Mr. Hopmeier has also claimed that this project would employ 15-20 technicians which sounds like a lot for “an average of no more than” 30 firings per year as projected. Will these be full time jobs or on an as-needed basis? What types of jobs? Technical or professional positions (as suggested in the application) with salaries sufficient to support the families that the applicant and his supporters claim will be brought to the area by this project? (*see* Craig, *Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, Adirondack Explorer, 8/19/22). It seems unrealistic to expect that the limited testing proposed in the application would be sufficient

to financially support the number of professionals described. So once they have relocated, might the expansion of operations be used as a justification to allow these new community members to better support themselves and their now-relocated families?

Further, beyond the failure of the current application to adequately address the impact assessment of “noise” more fully discussed below (*see Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts*, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, DEP-00-1, last revised 2/2/01), Mr. Hopmeier also claims that there are no pollution concerns from any hazardous materials related to this testing because supposedly, all gunpowder used for each discharge will be fully combusted (*see Craig, Military Cannon Test Range Proposed in Lewis*, Adirondack Explorer, 8/19/22; Letter by Town of Lewis Supervisor James Monty, 4/4/2022).

By contrast, we offer a study that addressing, in part, the deleterious environmental effects of gunshot residue (the gunpowder not completely burned during a discharge) that refutes this claim, barring some evidence (that Mr. Hopmeier has not provided) that in the proposed testing all of the propellant used will be completely combusted. This presents another issue that could be further explored and perhaps resolved at an adjudicatory hearing. The study is accessed here: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S2215153223000818>.

Also unaddressed by the application at all or in only summary or conclusory fashion are the possible effects, in any, of this project on soil, air, and water contamination from gunpowder or metal residue directly or as a result of run-off, any increased fire hazards, the risk and consequences of any misfires, the effects of shock waves from these discharges, any potential or expected disruption to the breeding, denning, and migration of local fauna, the potential for decreased property values of adjacent impacted properties, and any potentially decreased tourism income to the local community as a result of the proposed testing.

Thus, an adjudicatory hearing would provide transparency and a vehicle for the provision of further information specific to the environmental impacts of the proposed testing, largely either unaddressed or minimized by the permit application and supporting documentation. A hearing would also give the applicant the chance to explain any remaining apparent inconsistencies or incomplete responses, and would give the Agency an opportunity to have any additional questions or concerns answered, under oath.

Finally, we offer our comments and assessment of the deficiencies we perceive in the sound study submitted with the permit application.

The primary “report” in question appears to be the February 2023 Sound Study (“Response 20230301-compressed.pdf”) prepared by H2H Geoscience Engineering, PLLC, for Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI). This study evaluates potential noise impacts from a

proposed 330-yard ballistics test range for munitions testing, focusing on a 155mm howitzer (M109A3GN) as the loudest source. It follows a Scope of Work (SOW) outlined in “H2H Scope of work Fall of 2022.pdf” and incorporates New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) guidance on noise impacts (“Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts”). Subsequent documents (responses to the 4th and 5th NIPAs in 2023 and 2025) reference and build on this study, including revisions for atmospheric conditions, berm mitigation, and receptor distances.

The study measures ambient sound levels at five monitoring locations (M1–M5) representing residential and wild forest areas. Models impulse noise propagation from the howitzer using ISO 9613 standards, from which the study represents that there would be minimal impacts based on small changes in equivalent continuous sound levels (Leq), with modeled impulse peaks at receptors ranging from ~67–107 dBA but Leq increases of 0–32 dB (depending on receptor and conditions).

Identified below are some of the flaws in assumptions, methods, and conclusions, drawing from the provided content and cross-references across documents, which could be further explored in an adjudicatory hearing. Flaws are identified where the report appears to deviate from best practices, NYSDEC guidance, or logical consistency, potentially underestimating impacts.

Flaws in Assumptions

Source Sound Level Overestimation or Lack of Specificity:

The study assumes a peak source level of 180.8 dB (163.2 dBA, uncorrected for ground reflection) at the muzzle, derived from a Norwegian study (“Noise emission data for M109, 155 mm field howitzer”) and extrapolated backward from measurements at 803 feet (130.5 dB). This is presented as “conservative” (higher than corrected data) to model worst-case scenarios. This was subsequently modified to 185 dBA in response to the 2nd NIPA, then to 166.1 dBA (but from an enclosed position) in a submission not signed by a licensed engineer.

Flaw: The extrapolation relies on inverse square law (6 dB drop per distance doubling), but muzzle blasts from artillery are directional (stronger forward) and may not follow simple spherical spreading for impulse noise. NYSDEC guidance notes that impulse sounds (blasts) have unique characteristics like high-frequency content and rapid onset, which could affect propagation. Later documents (response to 5th NIPA) defend this with U.S. Army data (CHPPM “Noise Levels of Common Army Equipment”), but inconsistencies in reported levels across submissions (180 dB initially, 185 dB, a 176 dBA “transcription error,” settling

on 180.8 dB) suggest uncertainty. The assumption doesn't explicitly account for charge type (max 5 modules DM72 vs. M4A2 zone 7), which could vary noise by 5–10 dB.

Impact: This could lead to overstated peaks in modeling, but if directivity is ignored, it might underestimate side/rear impacts on nearby receptors.

Environmental Factors and Worst-Case Scenarios:

Assumes average conditions (68°F/20°C, 70% humidity, 11 mph wind from source) initially, with later revisions (November 2023 update in response to 5th NIPA) to testing variations (temperature/humidity ranges, wind direction).

Flaw: NYSDEC guidance emphasizes seasonal factors (e.g., summer increases annoyance due to open windows; wind/temperature inversions bend sound). The initial study uses yearly averages, and even revisions show “minimal” differences (max 4 dB variation), but does not model extreme inversions or calm conditions, which could amplify propagation. The berm (sound mitigation) is assumed effective without detailed validation for impulse frequencies.

Operational Frequency and Duration:

Assumes ~30 shots/year over 5 years, with each impulse ~0.05 seconds (total “7.5 seconds of impulse noise” over 5 years, per response to 5th NIPA).

Flaw: This downplays cumulative effects, assuming rarity minimizes impact. NYSDEC guidance warns that even infrequent impulses (such as back-up warning alarms) can be “particularly annoying” due to startle effects especially in quiet rural/wilderness areas (ambient ~35 dBA per guidance; *see Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts*, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, DEP-00-1, last revised 2/2/01).

Flaws in Methods

Ambient Monitoring Limitations:

Conducted over two weekdays (Dec 20–21, 2022, 10 AM–4 PM) in fair weather, logging A-weighted dB at 1-second intervals. Locations (M1–M5) represent residential (Hale Hill Rd.) and wild forest areas within a 2-mile radius.

Flaw: Limited duration and conditions don't capture variability (weekends, evenings, seasonal changes like leaf-off winters for better propagation, or high-wind events). NYSDEC guidance recommends considering time of year, wind, and humidity for comprehensive

assessment. Ambient levels (34.7–61.2 dBA Leq) are influenced by nearby sources (mine noise, traffic), but no long-term or multi-season data validates representativeness. This could underestimate baseline quiet periods in wild forest areas.

Modeling Approach:

Uses ISO 9613 (via dBmap.net) for propagation, accounting for distance, atmospheric absorption, ground factor ($G=0.7$), and barriers (berm). Impulse peaks are inserted into 1-second ambient logs to compute new Leq.

Flaw: ISO 9613 is suitable for steady-state noise but may not fully capture impulse/blast dynamics (shock waves, low-frequency rumble). NYSDEC guidance distinguishes impulses as needing separate evaluation for annoyance (pure tones or sudden bursts). Averaging impulses into daily Leq dilutes impact—for rare events, Leq changes are negligible (0–2 dB at most receptors, up to 32 dB at M5 in one table), but peaks (107 dBA at M5) could cause hearing risk or wildlife disturbance. No direct peak-level thresholds are applied (EPA suggests 140 dB peak for hearing protection). Cross-sections and distances are approximate initially, refined later, but early models used “straight-line” without full topographic integration.

Mitigation and Alternatives Evaluation:

Relies on berm, setbacks, and operational limits; evaluates haul truck noise separately (minimal impact).

Flaw: NYSDEC requires evaluating alternatives like enclosures or silencers (“schalldampfer”); this study dismisses them without detailed analysis (response to 5th NIPA claims they’re impractical for howitzers). No quantitative comparison of options, violating guidance on “best management practices” (BMPs) like equipment relocation or barriers.

Flaws in Conclusions

Underestimation of Impulse Noise Impacts:

Concludes “no significant adverse noise impacts” based on Leq increases <6 dB (per NYSDEC: 0–3 dB unnoticed, 3–6 potential, >6 adverse), with modeled ambient changes of 0–32 dB (higher at wild forest M5/M4).

Flaw: For impulses, Leq is misleading—guidance stresses subjective annoyance from sudden loud sounds, not just averaged levels. Peaks (67–107 dBA at receptors) equate to or exceed

hunting rifles (160 dB at source, but attenuated), potentially startling residents/wildlife. In quiet wild forest (ambient ~35 dBA), a 107 dBA blast is a ~72 dB increase momentarily, far beyond “tolerable” (guidance Table B: >15 dB “very noticeable”). The “7.5 seconds over 5 years” framing ignores per-event effects, like behavioral responses or habitat avoidance.

Inadequate Consideration of Sensitive Receptors:

Treats residential and wild forest equally, concluding minimal overall impact.

Flaw: NYSDEC guidance prioritizes low-ambient areas (wilderness ~35 dBA) and environmental factors (wildlife sensitivity). Wild forest receptors (M4/M5) show higher modeled peaks/changes, but conclusions don’t address ecological impacts (disturbing Adirondack wildlife). Precedent claims such as louder mines nearby are not comparatively quantified.

Inconsistencies with Later Revisions:

Initial conclusions are refined in 2023/2025 responses (adding wind/temperature variations, showing max 4 dB difference), but early dismissal of factors (“environmental factors have no impact”) contradicts guidance. The study claims compliance but suggests remaining unresolved flaws.

Overall Assessment

While the report is technically sound in basic execution (following ISO standards, conservative source levels), it is flawed in under-addressing impulse-specific impacts, limited monitoring, and reliance on Leq for rare high-peak events. It aligns with NYSDEC guidance superficially but skimps on impulse annoyance, alternatives, and ecological receptors, potentially underestimating risks in a sensitive Adirondack setting. \

Recommendation:

Use peak-level metrics (C-weighted for blasts), extend monitoring, and model wildlife effects for a more robust analysis.

Excessive noise, such as that produced by a 155mm howitzer, which can generate sound levels exceeding 180 decibels (dB) at close range, can significantly impact wildlife, including protected species in the Adirondack Mountains and the species they depend on. While specific studies on 155mm howitzer noise in the Adirondacks are absent, research on high-intensity noise from military activities, industrial operations, and similar sources

provides insight into potential effects. Below are factors relating to how such noise could affect the survival of endangered, threatened, or special concern species in the Adirondacks and their interdependent species, drawing on general ecological principles and available data, any of which would be appropriate for the introduction of testimony and other evidence at an adjudicatory hearing, all of which are completely unaddressed by the permit application.

Direct Noise Impacts on Protected Species

1. Mammals:

Bats (Little Brown Bat, Northern Long-Eared Bat). These endangered species rely on echolocation for foraging and navigation. High-intensity noise above 120 dB can disrupt echolocation, reducing foraging success and increasing energy expenditure. Chronic noise exposure may lead to habitat avoidance, pushing bats from critical roosting or foraging areas in Adirondack forests and caves. Stress from noise can also suppress immune responses, exacerbating vulnerability to white-nose syndrome, which has already decimated populations by up to 98% since 2006.

Eastern Coyote, Gray Wolf (attempts at reintroduction). These large carnivores, though rare or extirpated, are sensitive to anthropogenic noise. Studies on wolves in other regions show that noise levels above 70 dB (*e.g.*, from military-type training) can cause avoidance of suitable habitats, increased stress hormones, and reduced hunting efficiency. For wolves, which rely on howling for communication, loud noise could mask vocalizations, disrupting pack coordination. If reintroduced, these species could face reduced survival in noisy areas.

2. Birds:

Examples: Spruce Grouse, Bicknell's Thrush, Rusty Blackbird. These species, listed as endangered or of special concern, rely on acoustic communication for mating and territory defense. Noise above 80 dB can mask vocalizations, reducing breeding success. For Bicknell's thrush, already confined to high-elevation habitats, noise from military exercises could disrupt nesting in balsam-fir forests, potentially pushing populations toward local extinction. Spruce grouse, with small populations in northern Adirondacks, may abandon nesting sites due to disturbance.

The Common Loon, Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon are highly sensitive to disturbance; noise from watercraft already affects nesting, and howitzer-level noise could amplify this, causing nest abandonment or reduced chick survival. Bald eagles and peregrine falcons, both recovering from past declines, may abandon nests or foraging areas if exposed to sudden, high-decibel noise, as studies show raptors avoid areas with frequent sonic booms.

3. Fish:

Examples: Lake Sturgeon, Salmon, Round Whitefish, Blacknose Shiner, Lake Trout. Fish perceive sound through water, which conducts it efficiently. Noise above 170 dB, especially near water bodies like Lake Champlain or Adirondack rivers, can cause physical damage (*e.g.*, swim bladder rupture) or behavioral changes like avoidance of spawning grounds. Lake sturgeon, a threatened species, are particularly vulnerable during spawning migrations, as noise could disrupt navigation or stress spawning adults, reducing reproductive success.

4. Reptiles and Amphibians:

Example: Blanding's Turtle. Amphibians, generally, rely on acoustic cues for mating. Noise above 80 dB can cause physiological stress, mask mating calls, reducing reproduction. Turtles, though less studied, may experience stress or altered movement patterns, increasing road mortality risks for Blanding's turtles in Adirondack wetlands. Chronic noise could force these species from optimal habitats, exacerbating threats from habitat loss. American Toads and Wood Frogs may also be significantly affected.

5. Insects:

Examples: Persius Duskywing, Hine's Emerald Dragonfly, Monarch Butterfly (other butterflies and moths may also be affected). Insects are less studied for noise impacts, but high-intensity sound can negatively disrupt key behaviors like mating or predator avoidance. For example, dragonflies use visual and auditory cues; noise may interfere with their ability to detect predators or mates in Adirondack peatlands. Monarchs, already stressed by habitat loss, could face reduced fitness if noise disrupts migration stopovers.

6. Plants:

Examples: Alpine Plants, American Hart's Tongue Fern, Ram's Head Lady's-Slipper. Plants are indirectly affected if noise disrupts pollinators or seed dispersers like insects and birds. For instance, monarch butterflies and other pollinators critical to alpine plants may avoid noisy areas, reducing seed set in these fragile, high-elevation ecosystems.

Impacts on Interdependent Species

Protected species rely on a web of prey, predators, pollinators, and habitat components, all potentially affected by noise:

Prey Species: Many Adirondack predators (Grey Wolves, Eastern Coyotes, Peregrine Falcons) depend on abundant prey like deer, rodents, or small birds. Noise can reduce prey populations by altering behavior or habitat use. For example, white-tailed deer, a key prey for wolves, avoid areas with chronic noise above 60 dB, potentially starving reintroduced predators.

Pollinators: Insects like bees and butterflies, critical for plants like Ram's Head Lady's-Slipper, may reduce activity in noisy environments. Studies show bumblebees pollinate less effectively under noise stress, which could limit seed production for rare plants.

Aquatic Ecosystems: Fish like Round Whitefish rely on healthy aquatic insect populations. Noise near streams can disrupt insect larvae development, reducing food availability and impacting fish survival.

Wetland Communities: Amphibians and turtles depend on wetland invertebrates. Noise-induced stress on insects could cascade to reduce food for turtles, toads, and frogs, compounding habitat loss threats.

Broader Ecological and Conservation Context

Noise Characteristics: A 155mm howitzer produces impulsive noise (a sudden, high-intensity burst), which is more alarming and disruptive than continuous noise. Sound levels decrease with distance (dropping to 120 dB at 100 meters), but in the Adirondacks' quiet, forested landscape, noise can travel far, especially in valleys or near water. Repeated exposure, as in military training, amplifies the impacts of noise pollution.

Conservation Implications: The Adirondack Park's "Forever Wild" protections and DEC programs (e.g., loon monitoring, sturgeon restoration, salmon and trout restocking) aim to preserve biodiversity, but noise pollution isn't directly addressed in current plans. Species like Bicknell's Thrush or Spruce Grouse, with small populations, are particularly vulnerable to additional stressors. Noise could undermine recovery efforts for Bald Eagles or bats, which have seen gains from habitat restoration, pesticide bans and the reduction of acid rain (now on the rise again).

Mitigation Needs: To protect species, noise buffers (restricting firing ranges near sensitive habitats like High Peaks or Lake Champlain) and seasonal restrictions (avoiding breeding periods such as spring for loons, summer for bats) are critical.

In conclusion, excessive noise from a 155mm howitzer could harm Adirondack protected or of special concern species by disrupting communication, foraging, reproduction, and habitat

use, particularly for noise-sensitive species like bats, loons, and Bicknell's Thrush. It could also affect prey such as deer and aquatic insects and pollinators such as bees and monarchs, indirectly threatening predators and plants. While no direct studies exist on howitzers in the Adirondacks, evidence from similar high-intensity noise sources suggests significant risks, especially for species already stressed by climate change, habitat loss, and invasives. Mitigation through spatial and temporal restrictions is essential to safeguard the Park's biodiversity, which supports \$2 billion in tourism and ecosystem services.

All of the above questions could be addressed and answered in an adjudicatory hearing. As noted above, the provisions of 9 NYCRR 580.2(a) specifically provide for and contemplate that such a hearing will be held when one or more of the criteria articulated in the regulation have been satisfied. Here, multiple criteria are implicated by the present application and as such, an adjudicatory hearing is the appropriate vehicle by which to examine and resolve the issues presented. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Agency order such a hearing before approving this application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

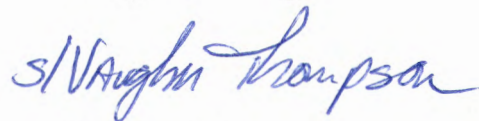
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AFFIDAVIT OF COLONEL PAUL VINCENT CIMINELLI, USA (Ret)

COLONEL PAUL VINCENT CIMINELLI, USA (Ret) being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am a retired, United States Army Colonel with over thirty years of Active and Reserve commissioned service. My military career includes operational, command, and staff assignments in both active duty and reserve components, culminating in the rank of Colonel serving as the Chief of Civil Military Operations, 8th Army, Republic of Korea. I am a graduate of the United States Army War College, where I earned a Master of Strategic Studies, United States Army Command & General Staff College and have attended numerous military schools including the Cavalry Officer Basic Officer Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, and the NATO Senior Officer Crisis Management Course.
2. My military service includes assignments as Battalion, Company, Detachment and Platoon Commander often in combined arms settings requiring expert knowledge of the integration of direct fire (individual and crew-served systems), indirect fire (howitzer, mortar and missile) as well as close air support; Senior Team Leader for Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations Analysis under the auspices of the Office of the Secretary of War at United States Joint Forces Command; and instructor and syndicate leader for NATO and Partner Nation senior staff training programs. I have served in combat operational theaters including Operation Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Joint Endeavor, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and multiple tours for Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. I have worked as a range officer in numerous settings involving different weapon systems wherein the Army has labored to mitigate the effects of noise on surrounding

areas and the wildlife on installations and the communities around military bases.

3. I am also an attorney licensed in the States of New York and New Jersey, and the District of Columbia, and a member of the Bars of the United States Supreme Court and several federal courts. In my civilian capacity, I have served as Chief Counsel to the Sheriff of Monroe County, New York; Managing Partner of Ciminelli & Ciminelli, PLLC; Major Felony Assistant District Attorney in Monroe County; adjunct faculty member in Homeland Security Management at Monroe Community College; and an executive advisor in both government and private enterprise. My professional and academic background includes strategic leadership, management, and crisis response.
4. I have served as a member of Board of Directors and Vice President/General Counsel for Genesee Conservation League, a conservation, firearms and archery club of over 2000 members founded in 1925 and since 1946 located in a highly populated suburban setting outside Rochester, NY. In this capacity I have been involved in numerous issues involving noise and noise mitigation.
5. Based on my military training, operational experience, and review of relevant acoustic and blast data, I have prepared the following factual description regarding the physical experience and observable effects of the firing of a 155mm howitzer at varying distances in a combat, training range or urban settings.
6. Standing next to a 155mm howitzer when it fires is an intense, visceral experience. The blast is deafening, even with appropriate ear protection—a deep, earth-shaking boom that you feel in your chest and bones as much as you hear. The ground trembles, and a shockwave hits you like a physical force, pushing air against your body. The muzzle flash is blinding, especially in low light, and the heat from the barrel is palpable if you're close. There's a sharp,

acrid smell of gunpowder and burnt metal lingering after each shot. The sheer power is awe-inspiring but can be disorienting—your heart races, and it's hard to stay steady without bracing yourself. If you're too close without proper protective gear, the overpressure can cause physical discomfort and injury, like ruptured eardrums.

7. The 155mm howitzer produces an intense, short-duration impulse at the moment of firing. At the muzzle, the peak sound pressure level can reach approximately 185 decibels (dB peak). This level of intensity creates an immediate auditory hazard and a palpable concussive wave. Within several meters of the weapon, the blast wave can be physically felt as a force upon the body, displacing loose material and generating a visible muzzle flash and dust plume.
8. At distances between five and twenty-five meters, the peak sound level remains in the range of 165–175 dB. These levels produce significant physical sensations and require the use of double hearing protection under military standards. Personnel experience temporary disorientation and chest or facial pressure consistent with the known effects of near-field blast overpressure.
9. At approximately 100 meters, the estimated peak sound pressure level is near 145 dB (comparable being 10–25 meters of a commercial jet engine during takeoff at full thrust, such as near the runway at an airport) . The firing is perceived as an extremely loud, sharp report with noticeable vibration transmitted through the ground. Although unlikely to cause injury at this range from a single exposure, repeated firings may induce temporary hearing threshold shifts.
10. At one-half mile (approximately 805 meters), the peak level reduces to about 130-140 dB (comparable being 50 meters of a commercial jet engine during takeoff at full thrust, such as near the runway at an airport). Observers perceive

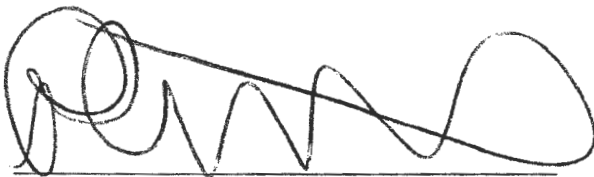
a powerful, instantaneous boom, occasionally strong enough to rattle windows and light structures. The sound may carry a physical sensation akin to a mild pressure wave, particularly under still atmospheric conditions.

11. At one mile (1,609 meters), the estimated level is approximately 121 dB (an example is attending a rock concert or nightclub with amplified music, where sound levels near the speakers). The sound remains clearly audible as a single, thunder-like report but without harmful physiological effects absent prolonged exposure. At this distance, the sound is transient and characterized by a brief low-frequency boom.
12. At three miles (4,828 meters), the estimated peak sound level is near 111 dB (example is a power lawnmower or leaf blower operating at close range of 1–2 meters). The acoustic event is experienced as a low-frequency rumble or deep rolling thunder, often accompanied by a delay between flash and report when visible. The blast remains audible and recognizable as artillery fire under calm atmospheric conditions.
13. At five miles (8,047 meters), the sound attenuates to approximately 107 dB. It is faint but still perceptible, particularly under nighttime or overcast conditions that favor long-distance sound propagation. No hearing risk or physical discomfort occurs at this range.
14. Overpressure sufficient to damage property or cause injury does not occur beyond several tens of meters from the weapon. Pressure levels decrease rapidly with distance, and by 100 meters the effect transitions to an acoustic impulse without destructive force. Vibrations or rattling at greater distances are due to acoustic resonance rather than blast impact.
15. Environmental factors such as humidity, temperature gradients, and wind direction significantly influence sound propagation. Under inversion conditions, artillery fire may be audible at distances exceeding ten miles. Conversely,

upwind and turbulent conditions may sharply limit audibility. These patterns are well documented in Department of Defense acoustic studies.

16. In a pristine Adirondack setting, characterized by dense forests, minimal human activity, and low ambient noise levels (approximately 35-40 dB from natural sounds like wind, leaves, or distant wildlife), the firing of a 155mm howitzer creates a stark contrast that amplifies the perceived intensity of physical sensations compared to urban or noisy environments. The quiet baseline makes the blast subjectively louder and more disruptive, heightening psychological effects such as increased heart rate, startle response, or disorientation, even at distances where decibel levels are consistent with other settings. Sound propagation in forested terrain may attenuate high-frequency components of the blast (up to 10 dB reduction) due to absorption by foliage and ground cover, but low-frequency impulses travel farther with minimal loss, potentially audible over 100 miles under favorable conditions.
17. The howitzer's firing significantly impacts wildlife within 5 miles or closer, particularly in a pristine habitat like the Adirondacks. Animals exhibit immediate startle responses, such as fleeing or scattering, with birds at risk of abandoning nests, reducing reproductive success. High-decibel blasts (130-190 dB near the source) disrupt communication, masking predator warnings or mating calls, increasing predation risk and altering social behaviors. Mammals like deer or bears may avoid the area, leading to habitat fragmentation, while chronic exposure could cause stress hormone spikes, sleep disturbances, or hearing damage in species reliant on acute hearing (e.g., bats or owls).
18. Repeated firings may drive long-term displacement, reduce biodiversity, or alter migration patterns, though some species may habituate over time. Low-frequency sound propagation extends the impact zone, potentially affecting sensitive ecosystems far beyond 5 miles.

19. In my professional opinion and experience, the foregoing statements accurately describe the physical manifestations and sound levels associated with 155mm howitzer firing, based upon my direct experience and the published technical data of the United States Army, United States Department of War and allied defense research agencies.
20. I make this affidavit to provide a factual and technical account based on my education, training, and experience, and I affirm the accuracy of the foregoing to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Mike, I have experience with both 105mm (towed) and 155mm (towed & self-propelled). The 105mm is very loud, no question. The 155mm has a tremendous concussion that shakes you to the core. We always used standard earplugs or just put our hands over our ears. Of course if you were the assistant gunner then you were the one who actually fired the piece and you would typically wear earplugs as one of your hands would be busy pulling the lanyard. When you stand next to a 155mm when it fires you are in essence standing next to a controlled explosion. Think about the forces involved with sending a 100lb projectile several miles down range and you can get an idea of the magnitude. Having also experienced howitzer fire without hearing protection, I can assure you that it is not pleasant. It is a tremendous adrenaline rush to pull the lanyard on a piece of heavy artillery. -Gene Hackworth (C Battery, 1st Bn., 8th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division)

Scott Sample

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Feb 3, 2001, 3:20:28 AM

to

Mike,

I'll give you some anecdotal evidence of how loud artillery is (I spent 10 years with 155s and missiles).

1989: At Grafenwoehr, Germany, a communications officer made the mistake of wandering about 50 yards in front of the neighboring 8" gun battery one night. They found him unconscious, with both ears blown out, severe concussion.

If you plan on working with it, double ear protection is the MINIMUM (ear plugs and the best muffs you can find). The army no longer classifies hearing loss as a "disability". They got tired of paying claims and health care costs. They will test your hearing before you start playing with the stuff, and you can compare the results ten years later. There isn't a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or even a minigun made that can compare to some of this stuff. Good luck.

SJSAMPLE

pyotr filipivich's profile photo

pyotr filipivich

unread,

Feb 3, 2001, 5:55:46 PM

to

How loud is artillery?

In a word: Very.

Painfully loud. So loud you will wish you were at an Aerosmith Concert!

Wear all the hearing protection you can get: earplugs and earmuffs. And then see what you can do to be far away from the cannon when it goes off.

If you can feel the sound, you need earplugs. I was an "audiometric technician" (I gave hearing tests) and I learned more about "noise" and "threshold shift" than I wanted to.

pyotr filipivich

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: William Klebe
Email from: bklebe663@comcast.net
Address: 2 Sunrise Park Silver Bay NY 12874
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to any weapons testing or firing in the Adirondack Park. I think approving this request would be setting a precedent that would be detrimental to the entire Adirondack Park.
Please vote against this request.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Zachary Elkort
Email from: zachelkort@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am vehemently against allowing an artillery range in the pristine wilderness of the Adirondacks. As an avid outdoorsman, gun owner and New Yorker I think it is reprehensible that this is even being proposed, let alone proposed by someone based in Virginia. This will irreversibly negatively impact the wildlife, trees and native plants and ecosystems that exist in this part of the Adirondacks. It is imperative that we protect as much of this land as possible and not allow special interests to ruin it.

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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

How is blowing stuff up forever wild? Also the government upended how many families to build fort drum and yet they still want to fire Artillery off in the Adirondacks? Since I am ranting how the hell is most of the land in the Adirondacks owned by really wealthy people, its sounds like forever wild doesn't apply to them. Maybe instead of protecting the Rockefeller, Crows, and other wealthy families maybe you guys should be looking out for the environment before those rich families absorb and destroy everything in this country. Last time I checked this country is by people for the people, not for the rich. APA needs to be reminded of that, you guys are not here for the Rockefellers who pollute this fucking planet and make bank doing so, your here to help the fucking Adirondacks. Do your fucking job and tell them to go take a hike and fuck off.

Community Opposition Letter – APA Project No. 2021-0276

To: Mr. Fritz Aldinger

Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

P.O. Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

OCT 29 2025

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Dear Mr. Aldinger,

I am writing as a concerned resident of the Town of Lewis to respectfully oppose the proposed Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) Ballistics Test Range (APA Project No. 2021-0276). After reviewing the permit materials and participating in community discussions, I believe this project presents serious risks to the health, safety, and peaceful character of our town and to the natural integrity of the surrounding Adirondack Park.

1. Threat to Community Well-Being and Rural Character

Lewis is a quiet Adirondack community that values its open spaces, family life, and the natural sound of the landscape. The proposed testing range would fundamentally change that. The sound study provided by H2H Geoscience and Engineering acknowledges that blast noise levels could exceed 100 decibels, levels comparable to a jet aircraft or jackhammer. These are not ordinary industrial sounds; they are explosive concussions that carry far and wide, disturbing both people and wildlife. For residents who live within earshot of the proposed site, this will bring constant anxiety and disruption to daily life. This kind of testing simply does not belong in a small Adirondack community that has worked so hard to preserve its rural peace and sense of place.

2. Inadequate Noise and Environmental Analysis

The environmental documentation fails to meet basic expectations for a project of this potential magnitude. Sound monitoring was performed only over two days in December 2022, under heavy snow cover that muffles noise. The study relies on foreign military data for sound modeling rather than real testing at the Lewis site, and it ignores cumulative and seasonal effects. The community has not been shown accurate, independent data on what we will actually hear, how far the shockwaves will travel, or what effect this will have on our wildlife, livestock, or property values.

3. Disrespect Toward the Community at the Lewis Firehouse Meeting

At the informal meeting held at the Lewis Firehouse, many residents attended in good faith, expecting honest conversation and respect. Unfortunately, the president of Unconventional Concepts, Inc. displayed a dismissive and disrespectful attitude toward community members, repeatedly interrupting residents and minimizing their concerns about noise, safety, and the preservation of our environment. This conduct deeply eroded public trust. For a company seeking permission to operate within our town, such behavior demonstrates a troubling disregard for the people who would be most affected by their activities. The tone and demeanor displayed at that meeting only strengthened local opposition and made it clear that the applicant is unwilling to engage constructively with the community.

4. Impacts to Wildlife and the Adirondack Soundscape

The proposed site lies within two miles of State Land classified as Wild Forest, which supports a diverse range of wildlife, including moose, bear, raptors, and migratory songbirds. Loud, repetitive noise events are known to disrupt wildlife behavior and drive animals from their habitat. The Adirondack Park's natural soundscape is one of its defining features. Allowing

weapons testing here would damage not only the ecosystem but also the identity and serenity that draw visitors and sustain local residents.

5. Lack of Clear Local Benefit

This project provides no meaningful economic or community benefit to the residents of Lewis or Essex County. It is a private, defense-related testing operation that would bring noise, safety risks, and heavy truck traffic — not stable jobs or public investment. Our town has no emergency infrastructure, noise monitoring plan, or environmental enforcement mechanism equipped to handle such an industrial activity. The risks fall squarely on the community, while the rewards go elsewhere.

6. Request for Public Accountability and Environmental Review Given these issues, I respectfully ask the Adirondack Park Agency to:

1. Deny the permit for APA Project No. 2021-0276 in its current form.
2. Require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that includes year-round, site-specific sound studies and independent wildlife assessments.
3. Hold a formal public hearing in the Town of Lewis to ensure that residents' voices are heard and documented.
4. Consider the precedent this project would set for future weapons-related or high-impact testing operations in the Adirondack Park.

Conclusion

As residents, we care deeply about the land, the peace of our homes, and the shared beauty of this region. The proposed test range is incompatible with the values, safety, and character of Lewis and the Adirondack Park as a whole. The way this project has been presented to the community — and the dismissive attitude displayed at the Firehouse meeting — have only reinforced that this proposal does not belong here. I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to deny this permit and to continue protecting the people, wildlife, and spirit of the Adirondacks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

April + Keith Guilder

Landowner, Town of Lewis, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Aaron Jodoin
Email from: AaronJodoin@gmail.com
Address: Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aaron Jodoin
Westport, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Alexandra Hilshey
Email from: ahilshey@gmail.com
Address: 815 Stowersville Rd NY 12950-2214
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

We moved to Lewis and the ADKs in general for a peaceful, more quiet life. We would be grateful if you could do something to prevent the testing of exceptionally loud war machines in our community. We oppose this.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Alyssa Beach
Email from: Alyssabeach84@gmail.com
Address: 16 eichen street Ticonderoga New york 12883
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please do not allow this to occur in the Adirondacjs. Please don't allow the fire of these heavy weapons to affect the area. It isn't just about the people. The wildlife and the land itself will be forcibly damaged for someone's greedy wants. With the intense loss of protections of so many wildlife areas in this country please don't let New York's Adirondacks also be part of that loss. This is so unnecessary. We are adamantly opposed to it.

From: Alyssa Carroll <alyssamcarroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:09 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Carroll (She/Her)
Town of Westport, NY

From: Amy Robinson <amymcdaniel@gmail.com>
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Amy Robinson
Westport

From: Anita Brock <grayrocket@gmail.com>
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Dear Mr Aldinger:

The United States already maintains several deeply-buried, highly-secure facilities for nuclear-related command, control, and research — yet none are used for testing thermonuclear launches, nor are they located in protected natural areas. Existing sites (e.g., the Cheyenne Mountain Complex in Colorado, the scattered Minuteman missile silos, the Nevada National Security Site subcritical laboratory) serve strictly strategic, scientific, or storage functions and are situated in areas designated for defense or legacy operations.

By contrast, Adirondack State Park is one of the largest protected landscapes in the nation, encompassing millions of acres of wilderness, waterways, and wildlife habitats that sustain hundreds of species — including species of conservation concern. The Park's governing principle under the New York State Constitution mandates that its lands “shall be forever kept as wild forest lands.”

Constructing a deeply-buried thermonuclear-related or weapons-testing facility within such an environment would bring severe and irreversible environmental consequences, including:

- **Geological and hydrological disruption:** Excavation, blasting or cavity creation for a hardened underground complex would involve extensive disturbance of bedrock and aquifers, potentially triggering micro-seismic activity, fracturing natural hydraulics, contaminating groundwater, and permanently altering the hydrology of connected lakes and rivers that serve as drinking or ecological watersheds.
- **Habitat fragmentation and biodiversity loss:** Large-scale construction, infrastructure, and security perimeters would destroy forest cover, fragment wildlife corridors, and displace species dependent on continuous habitat. Sensitive ecosystems — including boreal wetlands and high-elevation spruce-fir forests — would suffer long-term damage.
- **Air, noise, light, and water contamination:** Fuel use, concrete production, chemical usage, and munitions or projectile testing would generate hazardous by-products, emissions, and runoff that could infiltrate local watersheds. Noise and artificial lighting from operations would disrupt nocturnal wildlife, degrade natural soundscapes and dark-sky environments, and interfere with ecological patterns.
- **Irreversible aesthetic and cultural damage:** Adirondack Park is both a wilderness area and a cultural/historical landscape that symbolises New York's commitment to environmental stewardship. The intrusion of a military-industrial complex would permanently alter the character, visual integrity, wild-land experience, and public trust in the park's preservation mandate.

What the Proposing Company Is Saying vs. What They Are Actually Proposing

- **According to the website of Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI), the “ADK Site” page states the property is a “repurposed Atlas F thermonuclear missile launch facility. Privately owned, located in upstate New York.”** <https://www.unconventional-inc.com/adk-site>
- Meanwhile, local and regional reporting indicates the company is seeking approval from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for a weapons range on private land in the Town of Lewis, New York, where the proposal would allow firing of 155 mm howitzers or similar “military-grade cannons” up to 30 times per year during weekdays.
- Residents report recent military-style training (“Jaded Thunder” exercises) involving low-flying helicopters, gunfire, foreign

military units, and large numbers of personnel on the site. <https://www.wnytv.com+1>

- The APA's process requires scrutiny of noise impacts, wildlife impacts, and chemical or projectile contamination; local advocacy groups are demanding an adjudicatory hearing (with sworn testimony) because this kind of activity is unprecedented in the Adirondack Park. [WPTZ+1](#)

Discrepancies and concerns

- The company's website describes a "thermonuclear missile launch facility" repurposed for private ownership — language that veers far beyond the public representation of "weapons range for cannons." That discrepancy raises serious questions: Is the full scope of activity being disclosed to the public?
- Local reporting shows the community was surprised by low-flying helicopters and live-fire exercises, indicating a lack of transparency or meaningful local consultation. <https://www.wnytv.com+1>
- The nature of the proposed testing (howitzers, military projectiles) in a wilderness area contradicts the company's "repurposed missile facility" terminology and suggests a far more hazardous operation than publicly stated.
- Even if claimed to be "only 30 firings per year during weekdays," the localized impact (noise, projectile risk, blast effects, chemical residues) remains significant for surrounding communities and ecosystems — especially given the wild, undeveloped character of the park and its wildlife.
- The company's justification (military training contract, national security) does not align with the park's mission, which is conservation, public recreation, and wilderness protection — not weapons testing or military-industrial operations.

Before this process moves forward, Unconventional Concepts should be required to explain clearly:

1. The full scope of intended operations: Are they limited to cannon/projectile testing or do they intend deeper underground or missile-launch-type activities?
2. The environmental risk assessment: How will groundwater, aquifers, sound, wildlife, and local ecosystems be protected?
3. The alignment with the Adirondack Park's statutory "Forever Wild" mandate and the APA's Park Land Master Plan: How can this site be consistent with wilderness protection?
4. The public disclosure and community consultation process: How were residents informed, and what mechanisms exist to monitor, mitigate and enforce environmental safeguards, noise limits, chemical containment, and ecological restoration?
5. The contradiction between the marketing claim ("thermonuclear missile launch facility") and the publicly stated permit application ("weapons range up to 30 firings/year"). Which is accurate and why the difference?

Conclusion

Existing federal defense infrastructure already meets the nation's command, control, testing and storage needs — and they are located in zones designated for heavy industrial or military use, far from wilderness recreation and conservation lands. There is **no precedent** or operational necessity to site a thermonuclear-related or heavy weapons-testing facility within the Adirondack State Park.

Locating such a facility in the park would contradict New York State's constitutional and statutory commitments to protect, preserve, and maintain wilderness lands for public use, recreation, ecological integrity and future generations. The environmental and cultural risks are high, the proposed operations contradict both the ecological mission of the park and the company's public representations, and the community has not been provided the level of transparency or independent review that the scope of this project demands.

For these reasons, any proposal by Unconventional Concepts (or its affiliates) to establish a deeply-buried missile launch facility or a heavy weapons testing range in the Adirondack State Park region should be **categorically rejected** — or at a minimum, subject to full environmental impact review, independent scientific assessment, and public adjudicatory hearing before any permit is granted.

Respectfully,

Anita L. Brock

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We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

TS Eliot

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Address: 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have property in Essex county and am extremely opposed to this proposal. Allowing this to go forward would be detrimental to the health and welfare of the residents of Lewis and the surrounding towns as well as the wildlife and surrounding land. Further, permitting such activities within the Adirondack Park goes against the very purpose of the park itself. While reasonable industrial use that does not interfere with the natural environment and allows residents to earn a living is expected, this proposal goes well beyond any current and reasonable use. The disruption it would cause and real damage that can be expected should be enough in itself to reject the plan, but there also seems to be no benefit to the community that would warrant approval.

I sincerely hope this request is rejected. It

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My Comments:

To deploy a program like this in a state park, with endangered plant life and animal life everywhere is an absolute travesty. This is devastating to the local community and an absolutely absurd choice of Location. It is very clear that all of the people involved in this program do not live anywhere near this location, I know the man running this program doesn't even live in New York State, but lives in Florida. If anybody involved in this program actually had any interest in caring about or understanding the local community they would never in 1 million years think to place this year. I am shocked that this ever even made it to the stage. Why this isn't happening in the desert in Nevada or somewhere far more remote is beyond me. I don't think anybody will read this or respond to it however I needed to vent about this absolutely egregious decision. How gross.

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Message	I am writing to request that the APA hold a adjudicatory hearing to review a permit request that seeks to test ballistics on private land in the Adirondack Park.

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My Comments:

We don't want that here plain and simple

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Austin Lapidus
Email from: Austin.lapidus@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

There shouldn't be military testing facilities in the Adirondacks because the region is a protected natural area known for its forests, wildlife, and clean water. Building or testing weapons there would damage fragile ecosystems and disrupt local communities. The federal government already owns vast areas of flat, open land in other parts of the country—like in the West—that are much better suited for testing without harming such an important and unique environment.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Austin Morris
Email from: Mojomorris11@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Proud to have Micheal testing in my town. Grew up with NYCO blasting mountains here and there, this can't be any worse. Increased eyes on a small town, money, and helping our military are all plusses!

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Barbara Paye
Email from: rpcomments@apa.ny.gov
Address: 298 Corlear Dr Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is the Adirondacks. It's where folks move to or stay because of peace and quiet. Please consider wildlife, Veterans with PTSD, and those of us that want the Adirondacks not to become a war zone. The only person with any financial gain from this is the applicant.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Beck Simpson
Email from: beck.o.simpson@gmail.com
Address: 31 Home Port Way Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. Even as a military veteran who has, at times, deeply appreciated the sound of a nearby howitzer, I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bonnie Brewer
Email from: delphikidesign@gmail.com
Address: 8619 Us Route 9 Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please don't put this in our backyard
No one should do this so close to people's homes.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Brian Smith
Email from: bps1433@hotmail.com
Address: 8616 Us Route 9 Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I think this should be allowed. It's a controlled test 30 times a year. This company invests in the local community by not only buying property here but bringing in people that spend money at local stores and employing local people.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bridgette Blemel
Email from: stirbird@yahoo.com
Address: 929 NYS ROUTE 22 WESTPORT NY 12993-3816
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project has a huge impact on the space and surrounding communities. Our natural environment, including our airspace is impacted. The life situation of those in the Adirondacks is centered around peace and quiet. The changes to this projected environment, effects every single thing. From migratory animals, domestic animals, compromised individuals, veterans and more. Please consider ever aspect and facet associated and influenced by this. Choose your local residences best welfare.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Carissa Wilson
Email from: meirhausco@gmail.com
Address: Westport/Elizabethtown 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Before knowing if we are opposed to this, can we have an announced and approved testing day to see if this sound bothers anyone? It is on a lot of acreage as buffer.
Being from Texas I have strong feelings about private property but I also do not believe in my private rights violating other peoples private property rights around me. Your rights do end where another person's begin. So while you are entitled to do as you wish on your own property within reason, this could violate the rights of the peace to private property and property value of those around you. It is a bit unreasonable in a resident populated area of the county. Maybe show maps of the surrounding land and neighbors too. There are less populated places to do this. Thank you for opening it to public opinion but the biggest issue could be suits from your closer neighbors. I really hope I do not hear it. Houses up here are older and more subject to noise penetration.
Let me tell you buddy from experience, being from the south, its not even political at all that the people up here do not take to outsiders not born here 3 generations ago changing anything no matter who you are. If you dont even stay for Winter, you're a fair weather resident, then definitely don't do this here.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Charlotte Lomino
Email from: clomino3@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The idea of doing weapons testing in the Adirondacks, in my opinion, is ludicrous. It will bring pollution, especially noise pollution, to a place that is constitutionally protected as forever wild. There are plenty of other places in the country to do weapons testing that are not constitutionally protected nature preserves.

While the proposal mentions pretty strict constraints on when the howitzer is allowed to fire (it feels weird to be writing this sentence about the contiguous US's largest state park), it is much easier to push the limits of those constraints once permission is given.

Locals do not want this. Adirondackers do not want this. Doing weapons testing in the Adirondacks is spitting in the face of the designated purpose of this land. I have lived in the north country for 7 years, the Adirondacks for 3 years. Please reject this proposal entirely. Thank you.

From: Chris & Byron Little <byronchris1@yahoo.com>
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Christine Little
Email from: byronchris1@yahoo.com
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels in the Eastern Adirondack town of Lewis. My husband and I have been owners of a seasonal camp in Lewis for forty-five years, a property he inherited from his father who purchased it in the late 1950s. This has been our getaway place of peace. The extreme noise that would be generated from this project certainly would put an end to this peaceful haven. We relish our time in Lewis. We share this peace with the wildlife in this habitat, another reason we enjoy our visits here. I can't imagine the effects this ballistics range would have on them. Please, please, please do not approve this project. I cannot adequately express the negative effect it would have on our lives.

Sincerely,
Christine Little

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Christopher Ajemian
Email from: wh0disnow@protonmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is a danger to the public, nature, and the way of life in Lewis.

No weapons testing!

P. Norrocks
9 Cobble Hill Rd
Lake Placid NY

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

OCT 29 2025

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Adirondack Park Agency

Please have proposed ballistic testing in
the park and in particular the Lewis
and Trout Pond area. It can a horse
in that area and the explosive noise
would be dangerous. Many children
with disabilities also ride in the area
and someone will be injured.

Thank you

P. Norrocks

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Cynthia Kindle
Email from: In_webster@hotmail.com
Address: 40 Arrowhead Rd Piseco NY 12139
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As the APA you are responsible for deciding which projects are an appropriate use for the park, and which aren't. I'm not sure I can imagine a less appropriate project than a "weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels" in the park. The obvious impacts - noise, wildlife disruption, pollution, difficulty in enforcing restrictions, safety, trauma for veterans with PTSD, etc. - should be plenty to deny this application, but I think you should consider that you are inviting in the possibility of a large, creepy, paramilitary encampment (which this could easily evolve into, if it isn't already imagined that way). I own a home in Piseco and we are frequently subjected to military exercises such as frequent, multiple blackhawk helicopter fly overs, and it does not make for a relaxing or wildlife friendly environment. When they fly over my entire cabin shakes and rattles - it's very unnerving. I can't even imagine also being subjected to canons firing! Please do your job and soundly reject this proposal.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Cynthia Preston
Email from: mira230@gmail.com
Address: Lewis, NY
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am vehemently opposed to the testing of weapons in Lewis. How was this not nipped in the bud? This is a flagrant disregard for the safety of the residents of Lewis and surrounding areas, not to mention the definite environmental impact of these "war games" in the Adirondack park. The Town of Lewis needs to have zoning in place to protect its residents and not bow to this infringement on the rights of the community.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Dana V. Allen
Email from: danavanderbilt@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I want to express my extreme opposition to the APA providing a permit for Mr. Hopmeier's proposed weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels in Lewis, NY.
The Adirondack Park is lauded and appreciated for its clean and peaceful spaces. This region should remain free of such testing and military maneuvers.

Thank you for your attention.
Dana V. Allen

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Daniel Elder
Email from: danelder7@icloud.com
Address: 67 Osawentha Drive Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Let the tests begin. We have been hearing explosions for years with the mining so a few more are not a problem. Also have a gun range within earshot. No problem. Loud cars and motorcycles, no problem. We just went through them flying helicopters. No problem. They bring some money into the area as well. I am all for them doing anything they are planning.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Daniel Rivera
Email from: adkfarmerdan@gmail.com
Address: 624 Mountain View Dr Willsboro NY 12996-3652
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against this in all forms. Military training need to be done on approved USA bases not private land near homes and wildlife. The defense and military have one of the largest budgets in the free world. If testing these missile casings is so important they would have provided funding for it through government contracts on government military bases.

If this passes, Lewis and surrounding communities residents lives will be forever altered. Home values will fall.

These are loud cannons and while we have NYS right to farm laws, I don't recall a right to fire military weapons law. This goes against the APA Rural act.

Stay true to your roots and the blue line founders objective. This place we get to call home is special precisely because of the quiet rural character and forever wild forests.

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Comments from: Darlene Hooper
Email from: Dpjhoop@aol.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my extreme concern regarding the proposed weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels in the small town of Lewis, NY. My son and his family live in close proximity to the proposed site, and I feel that this will affect his family's health and possibly their safety. Not only am I concerned about the noise pollution, but also the potential harm it could bring to the natural environment and the air quality. I believe this could have a negative impact on all the living things whose habitat exists in this area of the Adirondack Park.

I find it very ironic and puzzling that some people have to jump through many hoops just to build a new home in parts of the Adirondack Park (having to adhere to certain regulations and restrictions), yet the APA is considering the inclusion of a weapons range in the middle of the park!? There are areas that are currently being used for military training and weaponry, such as Fort Drum. Why do we need the weapons range in the middle of a residential area?

The Adirondack Park is known for its beauty and peacefulness. As a lifelong resident of the park, I love and respect the natural environment in which I live and have raised my family. Please help to keep the park "Forever Wild," a place in which we are able live peacefully among the tress, wildlife, and beautiful Adirondack Mountains!

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Comments from: Deborah Beairsto
Email from: dgbeairsto@gmail.com
Address: 143 Riverside Drive Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I vehemently oppose the use of this land within the Adirondack Park as a weapons range. How horrible for the quality of life of people, domestic animals and especially wildlife in the area. How inappropriate to have this type of testing just a few miles west of the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area. Why can't this type of testing be done on Fort Drum?

Just say NO.

From: Dee Carroll <dee@westportmarina.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:23 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission. I am shocked this project is even being considered in ADK park!!

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dee Carroll
Retired, living in Middlebury, VT
formerly from Westport, NY

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Comments from: Dinah Bazer
Email from: dinah.bazer@gmail.com
Address: 622 E 24TH ST Brooklyn NY 11210
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My family and I have been camping in the Adirondacks every summer for over thirty years, and have many friends there, in and near Lewis. This is a terrible idea for many reasons. Its impact on residents and wildlife would be significantly negative, and also destructive to the environment. The fact that this man thinks it's fine because he owns 350 acres simply means he is a privileged, egocentric sociopath.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Doug Welch
Email from: welch13625@gmail.com
Address: 95 Irish Settlement Road Colton NY 13625
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The proposed use is inconsistent with the wilderness and protected status of much of the surrounding region. I recommend this proposal be rejected.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: DOUGLAS H INGRAHAM
Email from: douglas.ingraham@gmail.com
Address: 18 Huber Rd Thurman, NY NY 12885
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

RE: APA Project 2021-0276

I am and property owner within the park and a lifelong lover of both the Adirondack Park, what it stands for, and its unique public and private land composition.

As a property owner I appreciate the desire to do on ones property what one wishes. That said, all landowners within the blue line know that this place is different, almost sacred, and we are part of something greater - the idea of a large protected space to be preserved in perpetuity. Most of us, and other NYS residents and visitors value the ideals of this as well as the beautiful wilderness, peace, landscapes, plants and animals.

All that said, this project, or any variant that involves ground testing of artillery is COMPLETELY antithetical to what the Adirondack Park is, should be, and what makes it valuable to us now and in the future. I don't know how anyone could argue otherwise. I encourage all that may have the power to do so to stop this plan from going forward.

To the Applicant, Michael Hopmeier, I simply ask why here? Can the testing company not find other land outside the park? Nothing in the plan I've read indicates why this location is so essential.

Sincerely,
Douglas H Ingraham
716-913-9697

From: eccentric@tutamail.com
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This project is inappropriate for the Adirondack Park and does not align with the balanced approach of preserving our natural resources for all as set forth in the Adirondack Park Agency Act. The noise generated would contaminate the surrounding parkland and be highly disruptive to local residents, visitors, and wildlife. We do not need proprietary modeling to understand that firing a massive weapon of war that shoots 155mm projectiles will generate more noise than a chainsaw (Response to 5th NIPA, page 1, bullet point 1) and reverberate throughout the surrounding hills.

This project has been debated for years and that additionally demonstrates the incompatibility of this project being located within the Adirondack Park. The correspondence from the project applicants counsel has been boarish and secretive in a manner seemingly designed to avoid open and honest conversation. Why would this stonewalling be expected to end when the project is installed and operating? Any potential future inquiries or investigations could end up being refused due to the "classified" or "proprietary" nature of the project, which seems to be a recurring theme throughout the application correspondence. It would be hard to imagine anything less than protracted legal action costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars (or more) if the permit terms are violated, natural resources are contaminated, and/or someone gets hurt. These projects always bring grand promises of "significant commercial and economic benefits" (Response to 2nd NIPA, page 3), but in many instances these nebulous benefits seem to be for an individual or corporation alone. All too often when things go wrong, the contractor simply declares bankruptcy and leaves the cost of remediation and restoration unfunded while the community is left to suffer. Has anything about this process so far indicated the applicant will be cooperative, forthcoming, and humble if any issues arise in the future?

The Park is a place of natural refuge, and should not include projects like this that so widely interrupt that natural environment, especially in the name of militarization. We have already seen the disruptive nature of activity stemming from the activities associated with the applicant and the impact on nearby residents of Lewis. <https://www.adirondackexplorer.org/community-news/military-exercises-in-adirondacks-anger-lewis-residents-over-noise-low-flying-aircraft/>. Add this to the increasingly frequent and disruptive F-35 activity over the Park and one must ask, "is militarization of the Adirondacks really keeping things 'Forever Wild'?" Who is benefitting when we throw away the protections enshrined in the NYS Constitution? It doesn't seem like it's wildlife, local residents, visitors, or the natural environment.

Many comments against this project have already been submitted and calls for further public inquiry have been made <https://www.adirondackexplorer.org/almanack-adirondacks/adirondack-council-seeks-hearing-on-military-cannon-testing-in-adirondacks/>. Please do not take our pleas for protection lightly. The Park that we love is already under threat from every angle. We are under no obligation to let in more wolves posing as sheep.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Edward Kirkpatrick
Email from: edward.g.kirkpatrick@gmail.com
Address: 8 Lawrence Ave. Malone NY 12953
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

How could the APA even allow something like this to happen in the Adirondack Park? This will be beyond damaging for residents, visitors and native animals. Do not allow this to happen please.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Elizabeth Coccia
Email from: ecoccia15@gmail.com
Address: 60 Barred Owl Way Keene NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to weapons testing in the Adirondack Park. This goes against the Forever Wild mandate and could have serious consequences on the wildlife and environment.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Elizabeth McLanahan
Email from: Lizziemclanahan@gmail.com
Address: 74 Kimpton Rd. Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I find Mr. Hopmeier's proposal to have a weapons range for testing cannon barrels to be incongruous with the objectives of the Adirondack Park. Further, it does not take into account the health, safety, or welfare of the people, animals, or environment and the disruptions to their well-being. The unique characteristics of the Adirondacks - its mountains and lakes - amplify the noise associated with such military activities carrying the noise beyond just Lewis. This testing and trainings should take place on one of the many military bases already existing within the United States, so that the proper environmental and safety controls are applied and so that such actions are implemented in an area accustomed to military activity.
While not directly related to Mr. Hopmeier's proposal, the APA should also pursue consultations with the Department of Defense to reduce overflight of F-35s.

From: Gene Lorient <gene.lorient@gmail.com>
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The Adirondack Park was created for people to quietly enjoy "Forever Wild". There is nothing natural, or Forever Wild about Howitzer firings. This is a sever precedent setting move, with untold ripple effect. Many resident. of the Adirondack Park have had trouble gaining a permit for repairing our docks, how can one even entertain something so extremely destructive, loud, and environmentally unsound. There is a time and place for all things, and the Adirondacks is not the place for ordinance testing. Please do not issue a permit without a formal adjudicatory hearing, if at all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gene Lorient
gene.lorient@gmail.com

Man owes to trees and their wood no older or deeper debt.
- Hugh Johnson

From: Brosseau, Benjamin (APA)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:03 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Fw: Website Contact Form - Please hold a hearing on the destructive impact of the Hopemeier Project--US Army officer's request

From: George Gale <notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:34:29 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
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George Gale

Contact the Agency

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I am contacting the Adirondack Park Agency about	Agency Board Meeting Public Comment
Name	George Gale
Email	galeg@umkc.edu
If you are calling in, please list the phone number you will use.	
Subject	Please hold a hearing on the destructive impact of the Hopemeier Project--US Army officer's request
Message	I am a retired US Army Ordnance Officer (Captain). I know ordnance, especially heavy ordnance such as that proposed to be tested by the Hopmeier Project. In my professional opiniion, this project is totally and unconditionally to be denied permission in the Park for several reasons. First, ballistic testing is extremely dangerous. Things go wrong--witness the Marine howitzer shell that misfired and exploded over I-5 last week, seriously injuring a CHP. Secondly, the space needed for safe testing is *enormous*. I was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground which is quite

large, yet we were never permitted to test large caliber weapons lest they go astray and leave the confines of the post. Hence, these weapons were tested in the vast reaches of Ft. Sill, by artillery technicians with years of experience.

Thirdly, heavy weapons testing is incredible disruptive. Unless and until you have been in the vicinity of an active howitzer, you simply cannot imagine the noise, smoke, and, worst of all, the shock waves produced by both the initial firing and the impact. There will be no life--wild or human--within miles and miles of the test site which will not be negatively affected.

Finally, on a different point: this project is fundamentally unnecessary, in fact, it's superfluous. If the US Army needed these weapons, it would bid them out in the appropriate manner, with all the requisite standards and safeguards in place. This project has nothing to do with that process. It is a private, for-profit, startup, hoping to develop something it can sell to the military, but at enormous cost to the Park, and those of us who love it and live in it.

It is simply reckless to let this project go forward.

George Gale
CAPT, ORDC, USAR (ret.)

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Gideon Schrumm
Email from: schrummgideon@gmail.com
Address: 2isham Burlington Vermont 05401
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This can be devastating for the environment i'm oppose to it

From: Gina Dagrosa <gina.dagrosa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:03 PM
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I tried, but had trouble using the online form so I am submitting my comments directly. Sorry if they are a duplicate.

I do not think this permit should be approved. There is no reason to test these weapons at this location in the Adirondack Park. I found the application difficult to review as a layperson. The voluminous data that was provided was not simplified into language that would allow an average person to understand what the impacts would be to the immediate environment or the surrounding area.

To compare this irregular pattern of noise and traffic associated with the proposed activity to the nearby mining activity is not a valid comparison. The mining operations occur on a schedule, not a random 30 times per year (sometimes twice a day). Will there be public notice of each occurrence? The mining operation can only be done at that location, whereas the weapons testing could be done elsewhere. Why can't the weapons be tested as the military trains service members on how to use the weapon and in the location where that training occurs?

The mining operation brings economic benefits to the community. The military consultant proposing to conduct this testing for the military has long term contracts with the military, with many of the company employees making \$500/hour or more. That money will not benefit the community that will bear the impacts of the proposed activity.

More information is needed to assess the full impacts of the proposed activity. I did not see enough detail in this application about impacts to wildlife, the surrounding community or air quality. Many communities debate what the rules about fireworks should be, let alone the testing of a 155mm howitzer!

The Adirondack Park is the wrong location for this proposed activity.

Gina D'Agrosa
Resident, Indian Lake, NY

From: Ginene Mason <gigimason213@gmail.com>
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Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for listening. I have lived in the ADK's my entire life and would hope that my feelings on this topic are considered.

Sincerely,

Ginene Mason

From: ghoward@aaahawk.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 3:03 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Good day, Mr. Aldinger:

Attached are my comments and recommendations on Project 2021-0276 which I sent a copy of days ago. I have yet to receive a conformation that they have been received by APA.

With the dead line for submission, I am resend those comments and recommendations..

I have changed the format from .rtf to .pdf. and added paragraph spacing for easier reading.

If you have both copies, please feel free to discard the first sent on 10/27/2025.

The document may be distributed as appropriate.

Thank you. Keep up the good work.

Gordon Howard
Keeseville, NY &
Seneca, SC
ghoward@aaahawk.com

Gordon E. Howard
Keeseville, NY
Seneca, SC

APA Project ID: 2021-0276
Petitioner: Michael J. Hopmeier

I WOULD VOTE TO DENY THIS PERMIT IF I WERE ON THE BOARD because:

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP? Unconventional Concepts, Inc (UCI) is registered with the NYS-Department of State (DOS) as a “**Foreign Business Corporation**” [NYS-DOS ID: 6237189].

What country is UCI fronting for?

SAFETY ISSUE-1A: From my review of UCI’s Internet presence, including for example <https://www.unconventional-inc.com> , I could find no solid reference to information that UCI has experience working with large caliber cannons, and particularly in an environment and topography such as those proposed for the Rural Use location.

SAFETY ISSUE-1B: Due to extreme dangers associated with firing large high velocity projectiles, **the names, certifications or other pertinent qualifications of those persons performing each test firing should be collected and evaluated for their training and competence in firing a 155 mm Howitzer before a permit is issued for each day’s firings.**

HOW WILL APA ACCOMPLISH THAT VETTING AND PERMITTING?

SAFETY ISSUE-2: To me, the initial application was hastily prepared without sufficient attention to the permit process requirements and the completeness of the information necessary for a complete application. This is illustrated by the number of “Notice of Incomplete Permit Application” (NIPA) notices.

This is not an application for an oversized dock or a cell tower, but a lethal weapon with a range of 10 miles or more and a health threat to residents and visitors to the area. There can be no tolerance for hasty or sloppy firing preparation.

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR-1A: The application states the number of shots fired is “anticipated to be . . .” and “over 5 years“. “Anticipate(d)” is too vague, in my opinion. **It leaves the door open for, “Oh, well, we found out that we needed XXXXXX more shots;”. “Not more than . . .” would commit to an upper limit on shots per day, per month and per year for the 5 year stated test period.**

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR 1B: Part of this permit, if granted, should state that the permit expires after 5 calendar years. After that, a new application must be submitted which will require a public hearing and/or public input, an evaluation of the impacts of the past testing, and an adjudication hearing.

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR-2: Once a permit is issued that will allow the Rural Use hills to be alive with Howitzer sounds, turning down future applications for munitions testing of other activities that are not in keeping with the intent of the Rural Use Land Management designation will be more difficult. Mr. Hopmeier's reported comments to the Town Supervisor indicates that this application is just be beginning of more development.

FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR-3: UCI appears to be the parent company of Diversified Upstate Enterprises, LLC (NYS-DOS ID: 4758783) which owns two parcels of land (TMN: 38.1-1-4.100 [355.08ac purchased May, 2020]; 38.1-1-5.220 [7.40ac purchased March 2021]). As I understand the applications and NIPAs, the cannon will fire from parcel 38.1-1-31.100, adjacent to those parcels.

If this application is granted future applications justified in part on the granting of this application, most likely will be presented. UCI already is boasting a 10 lb high explosive (HE) explosion test chamber on its old Atlas F missile silo site.

Such activity has no place in a Rural Use area, the Parks second highest land use protection zoning.

SOUND: UCI presented the hearing pain threshold - 140 dBA, but did not present, in my opinion, the more important **hearing loss** threshold of 85 dBA over 8 hours. That threshold shortens 50% every increase in 3 dBA, arriving at a hearing loss exposure threshold of 2 milliseconds at 140 dBA.

Also omitted was the "human reaction to increases in sound pressure" which lists dB changes over 20dB as "Very objectionable to intolerable". Rural Use lands, generally, are listed as having sound levels of 44 dBA and, 70 dBA when farm machinery is in use. Even when machinery is in use a person hearing the blast from a 155 mm cannon, a distance away, receiving a pressure wave of 91 dBA or more would be negatively impacted by the sound.

THE NATIONAL SECURITY "CARD": Today, stating that something is a matter of "National Security" is common place. In my opinion, it is a good example of the fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf". The "matter of national security" phrase is over used and abused.

Given the number of cannon developers and the number of test ranges available, it is difficult to see how denying this permit poses even the slightest threat to national security.

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Email from: unfair.trusses.0m@icloud.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As a resident of nearby Elizabethtown, I would like to express strong opposition to this proposal due to the public human health effects and effects on wildlife (which also affect humans) of this proposal.

Ballistic missiles are known to use highly toxic propellants and explosives which are carcinogenic and hepatotoxic. Firing these missiles will additionally create combustion byproducts, which contribute to respiratory irritation, lung injury, and cardiovascular stress. Soil and water contamination has also been documented historically around testing sites, and local populations have not typically been adequately compensated (if there even exists adequate compensation for sometimes fatal poisoning). Local wildlife, such as deer can experience bioaccumulation where these chemicals accumulate in tissues, causing health issues for the animals as well as any humans who consume them. In this area adjacent to a PUBLIC PARK, let's preserve wildlife habitat by saying NO to the loud noise, soil erosion, and effects on vegetation that accompany ballistic testing. NO MISSILE TESTING IN LEWIS!

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Comments from: Herb Clark
Email from: rpcomments@apa.ny.gov
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I think it's a bad idea. That's a 200 pound round of steel flying through the air landing wherever it wants to to disrupt wildlife both protective and regular anyone hiking that's gonna land in an area where animals could be living settling for the night and who knows if he's even gonna go retrieve them And he already stated that once the round comes out of the tube, he doesn't care what happens to it so I say no on destroying the Adirondack mountains for his profit

From: Jake Gittler <jakegittler@gmail.com>
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Good Evening, below is a letter concerning the proposed firing range on Hall Hill Lane in Lewis, NY. I attempted to submit this on the APA's public comment page, but every time I clicked submit, I got an error message. My partner and I have many concerns about this proposal, and want to ensure that it gets included in the public comments. Text is below, as well as a [link to the letter in a Google Doc](#). Thanks.

To Whom it May Concern,

Annie Preston & Jacob Gittler here, and we are year-round residents of Lewis, NY. We are writing with great concern regarding APA project ID: 2021-0276, the proposed firing range on Hale Hill approximately 1.5 miles from where we live a quiet life on seven acres with our two dogs. To put it mildly, we believe it is absolutely egregious and wildly irresponsible to even consider approving such a project without first having, at the very least, an [adjudicatory hearing](#). On its surface, this project spits in the face of everything the Adirondack Park and its "Forever Wild" ideals supposedly purports. We object to the project for the following reasons:

- 1.
- 2.
3. Reasonable Standards: At a town meeting two weeks ago, Supervisor Jim Monty told residents that the town has no local laws, including
4. noise ordinances, that could tell Michael Hopmeier, or anybody else for that matter, what they can or cannot do on their private property. Given the use of building codes, strict regulations with regard to historical preservation, and other such measures
5. as it pertains to building and construction, this simply is not true. All residents who reside in the geographical parameters of the Adirondack Park are expected to follow specific guidelines to ensure the "Forever Wild" mandate is upheld.
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- 2.
- 3.
4. Economic Impact: Lewis is a small town and relies heavily on the infrastructure in Elizabethtown for employment, schooling and basic
5. needs. There is no bank, pharmacy or even grocery store. Like many small Adirondack towns, many of our residents are aging and the town is at an important crossroads for long-term viability. We are personally concerned that having a weapons testing facility
6. will deter individuals and families from wanting to live in Lewis, impacting its vitality. Long-term, this may result in the town's collapse or at the very least, failure to grow and develop.
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- 3.
- 4.

5. Environmental Impact: It would be naive to consider that military-grade weapon testing would not have an impact on the environment.
6. It is one thing for Mr. Hopmeier to claim that there will be minimal to no environmental impact, but it is another thing to have trusted environmental scientists and actual experts -of which Mr. Hopmeier is definitely not- to do their actual research on short
7. and long-term environmental impact including: water quality/drinking water contaminants, wildlife safety/conservation, pollutants (including noise).
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- 4.
- 5.
6. Lack of Accountability: Mr. Hopmeier states that weapon testing would occur no more than 30 days per year and only during specific
7. day-time hours. However, when Mr. Hopmeier decided to test Blackhawk Helicopters in mid-September - without any notice to residents- he did not stay within the declared time of testing, and went much later into the night than he has previously stated. Because
8. there are no noise ordinances in Lewis (because the majority of people who live here are thoughtful, respectful neighbors and there has not yet been a need to develop these), there is no legal infrastructure to ensure that Mr. Hopmeier stays within his stated
9. date and time limit. Unfortunately Mr. Hopmeier has not proven himself to be trustworthy and Lewis residents have no system infrastructure in place to report complaints.
- 10.

On Mr. Hopmeier's website there is a drop-down tab for his "ADK Site" which boasts about the isolation of this site and the lack of RF interference. This section of the site also states, "Testing Limited By Imagination Only." As residents object to the current proposal, we are deeply disturbed by the possible interpretations of this slogan. We fear that if the APA gives him the go-ahead on this project, it will be a slippery slope towards other, increasingly disruptive testing. Without any accountability or regulation in place, we are scared that Mr. Hopmeier will take advantage of his permit, and of the community.

Based on what we have been able to deduce, it seems Mr. Hopmeier lives outside of New York state for the majority of the year and simply uses Lewis for Unconventional Concepts. Unfortunately, Mr. Hopmeier has done little to demonstrate that he is invested in the community, interested in knowing his neighbors or concerned about the town's future, beyond the requested project approval. We are dismayed that someone who has so few community ties would try to push forward such a controversial agenda.

With grave concerns, and hope that the APA will do its due diligence,

Annie Preston & Jacob Gittler

Jacob Gittler
 Guide ADK
 631-742-7175

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: James DeWolf
Email from: Jimdewolf11@gmail.com
Address: 57 Bayberry Circle Liverpool NY 13090
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As someone who frequently travels to the adirondacks to escape noise industry and all the various things that pollute our environment with noise, and harmful toxins. I think this seems like a bad idea and that the federal government should have plenty of land that is already designated for this exact type of thing. Lewis County already has to deal with some of this with the base. Why add to the problem.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jamie Konkoski
Email from: jamiekonkoski@gmail.com
Address: Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed weapons testing range that would involve firing a 155mm howitzer assembly on a 100-foot by 100-foot gravel pad located on a 197-acre property within the Adirondack Park.

I am a lifelong resident of the Adirondack Park who enjoys hiking, climbing, skiing, and other outdoor recreation activities near the proposed project site. I also work as a professional planning consultant assisting communities in Essex County and throughout the region with land use planning and community development. Through my work on multiple comprehensive plans, I have seen firsthand the strong commitment Adirondack communities share to protecting their natural resources, scenic character, and peaceful quality of life. A weapons testing range of this nature is wholly inconsistent with the vision and goals that these communities have identified for their future.

While I understand the applicant's intent to limit the tests to non-explosive projectiles, I believe this project is fundamentally incompatible with the surrounding landscape, the spirit of the Adirondack Park, and the standards set forth in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP). My reasons for objecting to the project are as follows:

1. Incompatibility with the Character of the Adirondack Park

The Adirondack Park was created to preserve the unique blend of wilderness, natural beauty, and quiet recreational opportunity that defines this region. The introduction of a weapons testing facility with repeated firing of large-caliber artillery up to 30 times per year represents a high-intensity industrial use inconsistent with the Park's purpose.

The resulting noise, vibration, and visual intrusion would disrupt the natural soundscape, disturb wildlife, and erode the solitude and wild character that residents and visitors value. Even if firing occurs only during weekday hours,

the echoes of artillery fire will carry far beyond the property boundary, impacting surrounding lands and communities.

2. Inconsistency with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP)

The APSLMP directs that lands be managed and used “in a manner that will preserve, enhance and restore their natural conditions,” and that human uses must not degrade the “physical, biological, or social” resources of the Park. A weapons testing range will certainly degrade the biological and social resources of the Park regardless of its precise location, due to its noise, vibration, and mechanical intensity.

Furthermore, the APSLMP requires that lands be classified according to their “capacity to withstand use.” Repeated howitzer firings and heavy equipment use represent uses that far exceed the capacity of this landscape to absorb industrial activity without lasting ecological and social impact.

3. Environmental and Community Impacts

Noise Pollution: The sound of howitzer fire would carry for miles, destroying the natural quiet and sense of remoteness characteristic of the Adirondack landscape.

Wildlife Disturbance: Many species depend on quiet habitats for breeding and feeding. Sudden, repeated noise may cause stress, displacement, or habitat abandonment. My sister lives on land adjacent to the proposed project site. She has captured moose, deer and bobcats on her wildlife camera. A brook runs through the property, and together with the surrounding forest and fields, it provides exceptional habitat for countless bird species and other wildlife.

Scenic and Recreational Impacts: Visitors come to the Adirondacks seeking tranquility and natural beauty. A weapons range contradicts the Park’s identity and could deter tourism and recreation in nearby areas.

Precedent: Allowing this project could set a dangerous precedent for future industrial or military-type activities within the Park’s boundaries. Once such a precedent is set, it becomes increasingly difficult to preserve the Park’s core conservation values.

4. Inadequate Fit for a Protected Landscape and Nearby Communities

Even with mitigation measures such as restricted firing times, sound barriers, or safety buffers, the essential nature of the proposed use remains incompatible with the Park’s conservation goals and surrounding residential character.

Residents and property owners within the Adirondack Park choose to live here, or move here, specifically because of the region’s peace, natural beauty, and absence of high-intensity industrial or military activities. The character of the Park is defined not only by its forests and lakes but also by its quiet, restorative soundscape and the expectation that these qualities will endure under the Adirondack Park Agency’s stewardship.

Introducing a weapons testing range would fundamentally alter that equation. Even non-explosive artillery fire generates loud, concussive sounds that carry long distances in mountainous terrain, directly diminishing residents’ quality of life and degrading the Park’s sense of tranquility.

Such disturbances can also affect property values. Properties near sources of industrial noise and vibration typically experience reduced demand and lower resale values, particularly in areas prized for peace and natural beauty. Approving this facility would signal to current and prospective landowners that no area of the Park is safe from intrusive, incompatible uses thereby undermining public trust in the APA’s mission and the long-term economic health of nearby communities.

If such testing is deemed necessary, it should be located in a properly zoned industrial or military setting outside the Adirondack Park, not in an area whose identity and economy depend on the preservation of natural quiet, scenic quality, and rural tranquility.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Adirondack Park Agency to deny the permit for this proposed project, or at the very least, to require a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that thoroughly examines the potential effects on wildlife, noise, scenic values, recreation, and public perception of the Park.

The APA has a duty under the APSLMP and the Adirondack Park Agency Act to protect the Park's "natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, recreational and open space resources." Approving a weapons testing facility would directly undermine that mission.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your continued work to preserve the integrity of the Adirondack Park for present and future generations.

From: Jen Williams <jenbutson@gmail.com>
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Mr. Aldinger and the Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect.

For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Williams, Westport resident Jenbutson@gmail.com

From: Jenna Schwartzhoff <jmschwartzhoff@gmail.com>
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Mr. Aldinger and the Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally **oppose** APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. As a local, year-round resident, along with my young daughter, I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing, which lacks sufficient specificity to approve as submitted, sets an unacceptable precedent in the area and will create significant noise pollution, will disturb and unsettle wildlife and residents alike, and is likely to have foreseeable and unforeseeable negative-only effects (property value impacts, etc.). I see no benefit or upside to approving this use.

As my fellow community members have made clear: This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons, among many others so articulately shared by my fellow residents, I urge the Agency to deny the permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jenna Schwartzhoff
Town of Westport

From: Jessica Hammer <jessielc74@gmail.com>
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to whom this may concern: While I'm a supporter of the military strongly, the choice for purchasing our home on route 9 several hundred yards away (check the address proximity!) may have been made differently if we had known this would become a reactivated military site. Ok, call it what you will (privately owned) but we start with this. What will be next on the table? While Mr Hopmeir only plans to fire 30 times a year this particular type of weapon, we have also suffered the noises of machine gun firing in the early fall into the late night (ended around 11:30 pm), followed by black hawk operations a few weeks later with lights shining down repeatedly over our yard. It's feeling like a war zone starting and some of us with high anxiety don't need to be hearing all this war noise in our dear Adirondack mountains. My boyfriend, the actual homeowner is an overnight truck driver and daytime firing will greatly impact his ability to sleep properly when needed, impacting his mental health and ability to be rested enough to safely haul fuel for his long 12-14 hour overnight shifts. We also have a "disturbed" neighbor who starts his screaming every time there's noises up there. Our home value is going to take a huge hit if this is allowed and probably won't be able to sell which we've been considering for other reasons. We are also concerned that the vibrations from the firings will impact the integrity of the home's structure such as nails popping and structural cracks. And lastly, what wildlife is going to want to live nearby? We love our deer, birds, ermines, foxes and turkeys as they pass through. We'd like to keep our simple pleasures of life as we know them. My other question is what is Mr. Hopmeier providing to the nearby community in return for all the things he's doing to disrupt our peace? Do we get our taxes paid by him? Will we get a real noise ordinance in place (that would help with our neighbor!) I understand it's important to support the military, I come from a long line of family military members and my ex husband proudly served, but these things need to be done on military bases and not for rich mans pleasure of blowing things up or to financially gain at the expense of other private citizens that chose not to live near an active military institution for our own personal reasons. Please consider the people. This is The Adirondacks.... not a war zone. APA, please do your job honestly and with integrity in being the proper steward of The Adirondacks! with concern, Jessica Hammer

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jim Wade
Email from: cnmt237@outlook.com
Address: 237 Angier Hill Rd Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Stop this nonsense. Lewis is a quiet town. They do not need this going on in their community. Let the guy test his weapons at a facility made for it. Aberdeen Proving Grounds or the like.
Remember forever wild? What the APA is based upon. How can this be acceptable? How can it fit forever wild.
Cannon fire regularly? No! Stop it.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jo Wolf
Email from: jolf@nycap.rr.com
Address: 44 Kingsley Lane Chestertown NY 12817
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project is contrary to the intent of forever wild. It would be harmful to the wildlife, detrimental to people living in the area and the surrounding environment.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: john mckee
Email from: villageidiot57@yahoo.com
Address: 225 fairy lake rd. moriah NY 12960
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against any weapons testing in the park. Go to the desert. there are plenty of places there.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: John Poirier
Email from: poirierjohn06@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is awful we already have testing around the adk with fort drum now you wanna destroy more of the adk for warfare it's not needed and the damage to the area would just be a shame to the life that lives in the adk

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Joseph Conley
Email from: Jconley3090@yahoo.com
Address: 738 Deerhead road Willsboro NY 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live 3 miles from the proposed site, I'm concerned about the potential impact to my sleep as I work nights and sleep during the day. How loud will this testing be? Also will the percussion affect my water well or others in the area? Could the vibration close or change any underground water seems? Will this affect the value of my property? Will I be able to sell my home in the future with this testing only 3 miles away? I believe everyone should be able to do what they want on their own land as long as it doesn't affect other near by land values or the environment.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: K Ros
Email from: Shepherdk418@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't believe we should be military testing in this town.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kaley Basile
Email from: Kaleybasile@gmail.com
Address: Roscoe Rd Lewis New York
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As I just spent the last 2 hours, almost nonstop, listening to helicopters seemingly hovering from around 8 miles away at the missile silos - I'm feeling led to comment on this issue. I'm writing to inform you of my extreme displeasure and disapproval of this proposal. I'm sure this guy is all buddy buddys with the right people in town but they are already not being held accountable. They have been recorded shooting weapons as late as 11pm on weekends, on less. Now 8pm on a weeknight and all I hear is a clear rumbling coming from the north. I'd sure hate to live any closer or be camping at Magic Pines and have that basically across the street.

Lewis has no noise ordinance? Let's get one, because this is totally unreasonable. We live here because we enjoy the peace and quiet. We like the rural and small town living, and we don't want a mini military base in our backyard. Please do not approve this.

From: Kathleen Dibartolomeo <kathdibart16@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:13 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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I attempted to submit my comments with the online form, but there was some difficulty.
Name: Dr. Kathleen DiBartolomeo, Dpt, Pt
email: kathdibart16@gmail.com
Address: Lewis NY 12932

I am writing to formally express a number of significant concerns regarding the project's operations and its potential impact on our community. My concerns center on three key areas: the integrity of local water supplies, the project's demonstrated disregard for stated protocols, and the ethical implications of using private entities to bypass public oversight.

1. Potential impact on water supplies

Lewis residents rely on private wells for their water supply, making our community highly vulnerable to any subterranean disturbances caused by explosive activity. The proposed cannon blasts raise serious questions about potential harm to this vital infrastructure. Specifically, we request clarification on the following:

- * What independent hydrological and geological studies have been conducted to assess the risk of cannon blasts disrupting or collapsing residents' well systems?
- * What is the specific risk of contamination from blasted materials, such as gunpowder, entering our groundwater and, subsequently, our drinking water supply?
- * What concrete plans are in place to monitor, mitigate, and remedy any negative impacts on residential water sources, including a clear protocol for post-incident testing and reparations?

2. Breach of trust and disregard for protocols Our trust in this project has been significantly undermined by previous activities. In September, the community was assured that helicopter drills would not occur over residential areas, yet multiple helicopters were observed flying low directly over our homes. This breach of protocol is deeply concerning and sets a troubling precedent.

This incident demonstrates that the project's management has failed to honor its initial commitments, making it difficult for residents to have confidence that other stated restrictions will be respected. We question the project's ability or willingness to abide by limitations regarding the number of annual blasts, operating times, and the use of inert materials. The impression created by this pattern is that the project will operate with an "act now, apologize later" mentality, prioritizing expediency over community agreements. The significant delays in correctly submitting the necessary paperwork further exemplify a lack of seriousness and disrespect for the established processes designed to protect our community.

3. Intentional circumvention of public oversight The core objective of utilizing a private company for these exercises appears to be the circumvention of the "red tape" that governs governmental agencies. As a local resident, this is deeply concerning. The purpose of governmental oversight and processes is to ensure safety, mitigate environmental risks, and protect the public interest. Consciously choosing to operate outside of these established procedures suggests a fundamental disregard for community safety and environmental protection in favor of reduced bureaucracy. This approach directly compromises the well-being of the surrounding community and is a key source of our apprehension.

We urge you to take these matters with the gravity they deserve and restore our trust through a demonstrated

commitment to transparency, accountability, and the well-being of our community.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Keith Forsyth
Email from: keith.w.forsyth@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Weapons testing is entirely contrary to the spirit of the Adirondack Park's charter, and despite assurances to the contrary, inherently unsafe. This is very far from legitimate use of private rural land such as for farming, logging, or mining. There are thousands of acres of low-cost rural land in upstate NY outside the park, and that is where a weapons testing facility should be built. For the legal arguments, see the brief of the Adirondack Council and others.

From: Kelsey Carroll <kelseymcarroll14@gmail.com>
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Mr. Aldinger,

Re: Project 2021-0276

This project should be halted outright. It sets a dangerous precedent for the potential to scale up to more disruptive activities. This man lives in Virginia and will not have to experience the disruption this will cause. A howitzer emits over 180 decibels of sound -- the average firework emits 140. Even if kept to 30 times per year, that is twice a month that residents and wildlife will have to cope with a significant disruption. The Adirondack Park Agency was created to protect this park and promote the longevity of this land. The APA has a duty to keep the Adirondacks wild. Although the size of year-round residents may be small, we are still people with lives, many of whom chose to live here because of the peace and tranquility it provides. We live here, and our wishes should be honored.

Please, place the local residents and the health of the landscape at the center of your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Carroll
Westport, NY

From: Laura Collier <lscollier39@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:33 PM
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Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

My husband and I have only recently learned of the horrifying possibility of a military testing site being allowed to be established on private land in the hamlet of Lewis, NY. We are writing to implore your agency to schedule an adjudicatory hearing in regard to this matter. We have both been New York residents for most of our lives, spending our childhoods downstate and moving to the North Country in our 20's after many meaningful visits to the amazing Adirondack Park earlier on. The Park has always stood as a symbol of pride and beauty. Whether you are a hiker, biker, paddler, walker, it doesn't matter. It offers dependable and enviable refuge, respect for and understanding of the natural world and our place in it. It is a teacher, friend and counselor simply by its quiet existence. You are its protectors. I have always been deeply grateful for the establishment of your agency, and we're sure your efforts to stand and defend the original intent behind the park's establishment must be exhausting and unending. But, if there was ever a moment to stand and defend, we feel this is surely it.

As I know you are already aware, a 155mm howitzer is a huge cannon, capable of great destruction and damage in so many ways. Some of them, incalculable. As I understand it, depending on wind, topography, etc, missiles launched can be heard for 100 or more miles. What of the impact on local wildlife? How could such a thing NOT negatively affect them? And, what of the possible hearing damage to those people living nearby? The argument that this would happen on private land and thus is the sole right of that particular landowner to decide such a matter holds no weight when considering the rights of neighbors living nearby. They never asked for this. Where do the rights of one supersede the rights of another when all will have to feel and live with the consequences? Some residents have invested their entire lives to live in the relative peace and quiet of the park, made decisions about their lives based on the belief they would be protected from such things simply by choosing to settle within the bounds of the Park. My son and his wife, both nurses in the local area, live in Elizabethtown, very near the Lewis line. They've recently bought their first home and chosen to invest in the area specifically for that reason. Noise and land use compatibility must be taken into consideration here. What about the currently unknown environmental and public health risks? Where would be the oversight on safety and hazard management? How about vegetation management, not to mention the really unsettling issue of fire risk? Particularly now when we've had these recent months of persistent drought. With climate change on the march, who is to say whether this region may experience drought more often? Is this a risk that should be allowed? And, what about contaminants? And, perhaps most dangerous is the precedent that would then be set for other projects of this nature to be allowed to come in and operate within the park perimeters. The risks are endless, and serious. Please schedule an adjudicatory hearing for this issue. And, then please employ whatever power at your disposal to make certain that such an indefensible and deeply harmful plan is never brought to fruition. Thank you for your continued efforts to protect this land. Long live the peace, health and beauty of our beautiful Adirondack Park!

Sincerely,
Laura & Robert Collier (robcollier39@gmail.com)

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Laura Hargrove
Email from: Hargrovebobb@aol.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this proposal. The ramifications would be far reaching. The noise alone would be devastating, especially for sensitive species in the adirondacks like bats who use echolocation. Aquatic species would also suffer because sound travels far in water. The residue from the firing would stay soil forever. Who knows what he is shooting? Who will have oversight of this? What regulatory body? How will they control runoff from the sight? Is there a land restoration program for when these tests are complete? I don't want a Love Canal sight down the road!

This benefits no one but the business owner and the person renting land to him.
Let's keep the Adirondack Park forever wild!

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Comments from: Laurin Currie McArthur III Email from: laurin.mcarthur@gmail.com
Address: 84 Nordis Run Way PO Box 224 Keene NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose project 2021-2076. This sounds like some form of militia training and testing. Many of us have been referred to as enemies by our president. Already troops are being sent into our cities to terrorize citizens and non-citizens alike. Our police wear masks and do not identify themselves. You may say that it cannot happen here, but this application is indistinguishable from the phrase "boots on the ground." Approval of this project is, at the very least, sanctioning aural assault on the residents, wildlife, and visitors of the Adirondacks.

From: Linda Fusco <lindafuscophd@gmail.com>
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To Whom It May Concern,

What is the purpose of this ballistic site? Canon balls? Is it historical or some that just wants to shoot off a canon?

The description does not give a purpose or how this project will improve ADK life.

Sincerely
Linda Fusco
19 Smoke Ridge Road
Queensbury NY 12804
Property Owner
20 Silver Bay Rd
Silver Bay NY 12874
914 380 2130

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Marc Weeks
Email from: Marcweeks@gmail.com
Address: P.O. Box 122 Westport Ny 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.
This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Marci Wenn
Email from: Marci.wenn@gmail.com
Address: Jay New york 12941
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to you to strongly protest against military grade weapons being discharged in Lewis, NY. It would be noise pollution and violence at its worst, disrupting wildlife and humans for many surrounding miles. It is unthinkable that the APA would approve of such a request and I would think goes against the Forever Wild designation. Please do not allow this to happen in this beautiful carefully cared for land we all live on, especially for the wildlife and the rare peace that is so precious in our world today. Michael Hopmeier may own the land but he doesn't own the air and sky that would be negatively affected by his disregard for our Forever Wild Adirondack Park.

Thank you for reading my plea,
Marci Wenn
Jay, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Marta Milos
Email from: martamilos51@yahoo.com
Address: 479 Corlear Dr. Willsboro Ny 12996
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't want this range so close to Willsboro. We have too much noise pollution now with the Jets coming overhead for maneuvers. We have had a change in air traffic as well from the Burlington airport. I have lived in an around the Watertown area most of my life and I know what testing sounds like. I would not want it disturbing our natural environment of the park and lake that we have now.

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Comments from: Martha Jackson
Email from: martha.anne.jackson@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As an agricultural veterinarian in the area, I strongly oppose this project. Our domestic species have significantly more sensitive hearing than humans. This type of cannon fire can be heard for miles, which will effect many horses, cattle, sheep, and goats. There is the potential for economic loss due to distress of the animals and for instance drop in milk production in dairy cattle. There is also increased risk for animals trying to escape due to distress from the noise, which could economically impact owners (in injury repair or additional enclosure costs). And due to the proposed location, if animals did escape there is concern for them to impact major roadways (US 9, Adirondack Northway). In addition to the above points there are valid concerns for noise impact on house pets, wildlife, and veterans (or other populations with PTSD involving loud or artillery noises).

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Email from: marymichelfelder@gmail.com
Address: 3303 NYS route 73 Bldg 2 NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose Project 2021-0276.

First, I think the idea of weapons testing within the Adirondack Park goes against the idea of Forever Wild. It's bad enough that armed services planes fly over the park, disturbing the peace and quiet of the Wilderness. But the noise from weapons testing would be excruciating to anyone nearby. Second, weapons testing may adversely affect children and adults in the surrounding area. Weapons testing could easily trigger trauma responses. Just the noise alone will be startling, but the fact that the testing will sound like war will be triggering to many. Third, I am opposed to weapon development...period. Lastly, I truly believe weapons testing, even 30 days a year of weapons testing, will be detrimental to the sense of community so often associated with the quality of life in the Adirondack Park. Imaging walking one of the many trails near the proposed testing site and hearing ballistic missile sounds. That's not a sound anyone wants to hear in the wild.

Mary Michelfelder, NYS Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Formal Opposition to APA Project No. 2021-0276

Project: Unconventional Concepts, Inc. – Proposed Ballistics Test Range, Lewis, NY

To:

Mr. Fritz Aldinger

Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

P.O. Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

Subject: Formal Opposition to APA Project No. 2021-0276 – Proposed Ballistics and Weapons Testing Range in Lewis, Essex County

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

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This correspondence constitutes a formal opposition to the pending permit application (APA Project No. 2021-0276) submitted by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) for the construction and operation of a ballistics testing range in the Town of Lewis, Essex County, New York. Following review of the application materials, including the H2H Geoscience & Engineering “Scope of Work” and Sound Analyses / Sound Study Reports (September 2022–September 2023), the proposed project demonstrates substantial technical and procedural deficiencies that preclude informed approval under the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

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1. Deficiencies and Inconsistencies in the Sound Study

The submitted H2H Sound Study (September 2023) lacks sufficient technical rigor to characterize the true acoustic impacts of the proposed activity. Data collection occurred only on December 20–21, 2022, under winter, snow-covered conditions that artificially suppress ambient noise levels and underestimate sound propagation. The analysis relied on proxy data from the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment (FFI) for a 155mm M109 Field Howitzer, rather than site-specific measurements. The study did not model cumulative or long-term noise exposure or assess impulse peaks exceeding 100–130 dB(A), which are inconsistent with NYSDEC Program Policy DEP-00-1 (Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts). The combination of limited sampling and non-local modeling renders the conclusions unreliable for regulatory decision-making.

2. Incomplete Project Definition and Unverified Mitigation Measures

The project description exhibits internal inconsistencies and lacks empirical validation for its proposed mitigation. Application materials alternately describe a 330-yard range and a 100-foot firing pad with a 590-foot target area, suggesting that the scope and operational footprint are not fixed. The 13-foot sound mitigation berm is unsupported by quantitative modeling or field verification of attenuation efficiency. The applicant provides no plan for soil or groundwater monitoring to address potential accumulation of propellant residues, metallic fragments, or chemical byproducts. Given the site’s proximity to State Land classified as Wild Forest and wetland areas, failure to evaluate contaminant transport or runoff pathways constitutes a significant omission under SEQRA §617.7(c)(1)(iii).

3. Environmental and Ecological Impacts Noise and Vibration: The proposed use of a 155mm howitzer, even without explosive warheads, is expected to generate high-intensity acoustic events. Repetitive impulse noise of this magnitude can exceed 100 dB(A) at nearby receptors, producing measurable impacts on both human receptors and wildlife. Habitat and Species Disturbance: The 197-acre project site and its buffer zone overlap potential habitats for avian and mammalian species sensitive to acoustic disturbance. Repeated high-decibel events can alter nesting success, feeding behavior, and migration routes. Water and Soil Quality: No baseline environmental sampling or contaminant risk analysis has been provided. The lack of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), groundwater monitoring protocol, or hazardous residue management plan prevents a complete evaluation of potential adverse effects.

4. Land Use Classification and Regulatory Incompatibility

The project site is located within an area classified as “Rural Use” under the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan. This classification restricts development to low-intensity, non-industrial activities consistent with the protection of natural resources and the maintenance of open-space character. A ballistics testing facility—by design, an industrial and defense-oriented use—is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this designation. Approval would establish a precedent for incompatible land uses within a protected resource management zone, contrary to APA policy and the Park’s legislative framework.

5. Procedural Deficiencies and Public Process

The administrative record reflects insufficient public disclosure and engagement for a project of this magnitude. There has been no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared under SEQRA, despite evident potential for significant adverse impacts on noise, habitat, and water resources. Before any determination of significance, the APA should: (1) Require preparation of a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing the cumulative and year-round operational effects; (2) Commission an independent sound study conforming to NYSDEC DEP-00-1 standards; and (3) Conduct a formal public hearing within the Town of Lewis to ensure a transparent record.

6. Requests for Corrective Action

Based on the deficiencies identified above, I respectfully request that the Adirondack Park Agency: (1) Deny the permit application for APA Project No. 2021-0276; (2) Mandate a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under SEQRA; (3) Commission an independent sound and environmental impact analysis using NYSDEC-approved methods; and (4) Defer further action until the applicant demonstrates compliance with APA and SEQRA procedural and substantive requirements.

Conclusion

The documentation submitted by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. fails to meet the evidentiary and procedural thresholds required for project approval within the Adirondack Park. The deficiencies in acoustic modeling, environmental analysis, and land-use consistency preclude a finding of no significant impact. Accordingly, the application should be denied pending comprehensive environmental review and independent verification of all claimed mitigation measures.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W
Landowner, Town of Lewis, NY

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Dear Mr. Aldinger,

OCT 29 2025

I am writing as a concerned resident of the Town of Lewis to respectfully oppose the proposed Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) Ballistics Test Range (APA Project No. 2021-0276). After reviewing the permit materials and participating in community discussions, I believe this project presents serious risks to the health, safety, and peaceful character of our town and to the natural integrity of the surrounding Adirondack Park.

1. Threat to Community Well-Being and Rural Character

Lewis is a quiet Adirondack community that values its open spaces, family life, and the natural sound of the landscape. The proposed testing range would fundamentally change that. The sound study provided by H2H Geoscience and Engineering acknowledges that blast noise levels could exceed 100 decibels, levels comparable to a jet aircraft or jackhammer. These are not ordinary industrial sounds; they are explosive concussions that carry far and wide, disturbing both people and wildlife. For residents who live within earshot of the proposed site, this will bring constant anxiety and disruption to daily life. This kind of testing simply does not belong in a small Adirondack community that has worked so hard to preserve its rural peace and sense of place.

2. Inadequate Noise and Environmental Analysis

The environmental documentation fails to meet basic expectations for a project of this potential magnitude. Sound monitoring was performed only over two days in December 2022, under heavy snow cover that muffles noise. The study relies on foreign military data for sound modeling rather than real testing at the Lewis site, and it ignores cumulative and seasonal effects. The community has not been shown accurate, independent data on what we will actually hear, how far the shockwaves will travel, or what effect this will have on our wildlife, livestock, or property values.

3. Disrespect Toward the Community at the Lewis Firehouse Meeting

At the informal meeting held at the Lewis Firehouse, many residents attended in good faith, expecting honest conversation and respect. Unfortunately, the president of Unconventional Concepts, Inc. displayed a dismissive and disrespectful attitude toward community members, repeatedly interrupting residents and minimizing their concerns about noise, safety, and the preservation of our environment. This conduct deeply eroded public trust. For a company seeking permission to operate within our town, such behavior demonstrates a troubling disregard for the people who would be most affected by their activities. The tone and demeanor displayed at that meeting only strengthened local opposition and made it clear that the applicant is unwilling to engage constructively with the community.

4. Impacts to Wildlife and the Adirondack Soundscape

The proposed site lies within two miles of State Land classified as Wild Forest, which supports a diverse range of wildlife, including moose, bear, raptors, and migratory songbirds. Loud, repetitive noise events are known to disrupt wildlife behavior and drive animals from their habitat. The Adirondack Park's natural soundscape is one of its defining features. Allowing

weapons testing here would damage not only the ecosystem but also the identity and serenity that draw visitors and sustain local residents.

5. Lack of Clear Local Benefit

This project provides no meaningful economic or community benefit to the residents of Lewis or Essex County. It is a private, defense-related testing operation that would bring noise, safety risks, and heavy truck traffic — not stable jobs or public investment. Our town has no emergency infrastructure, noise monitoring plan, or environmental enforcement mechanism equipped to handle such an industrial activity. The risks fall squarely on the community, while the rewards go elsewhere.

6. Request for Public Accountability and Environmental Review Given these issues, I respectfully ask the Adirondack Park Agency to:

1. Deny the permit for APA Project No. 2021-0276 in its current form.
2. Require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that includes year-round, site-specific sound studies and independent wildlife assessments.
3. Hold a formal public hearing in the Town of Lewis to ensure that residents' voices are heard and documented.
4. Consider the precedent this project would set for future weapons-related or high-impact testing operations in the Adirondack Park.

Conclusion

As residents, we care deeply about the land, the peace of our homes, and the shared beauty of this region. The proposed test range is incompatible with the values, safety, and character of Lewis and the Adirondack Park as a whole. The way this project has been presented to the community — and the dismissive attitude displayed at the Firehouse meeting — have only reinforced that this proposal does not belong here. I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to deny this permit and to continue protecting the people, wildlife, and spirit of the Adirondacks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea C.W

Landowner, Town of Lewis, NY

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Email from: Meganhany@gmail.com
Address: Westport 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The disruptive sounds will cause severe anxiety and ptsd episodes for local veterans. The noise will terrorize wildlife, residents, and pets. Horrible business idea. Just why?

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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to express my adamant opposition to the proposed weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels on Hale Hill Lane, Town of Lewis (APA:2021-0276). There does not appear to be a single benefit or improvement to the Town of Lewis because of this proposal. Everything associated with this proposal will be detrimental to the Town of Lewis and the Adirondack Park.

Apparently, a 155mm howitzer firing is extremely loud and causes significant vibrations. At approximately 180 dB, it is reportedly louder than a jet engine takeoff, which is around 150 dB. The noise and vibrations alone will be very harmful to the residents and wildlife in the immediate and surrounding areas of the project site. This project would have a negative impact on the quality of life for the residents and visitors of the area. If approved, this project will deprive the residents and visitors of Lewis of the peace and quiet they currently enjoy in exchange for extremely loud, military level ballistics testing "up to 30 times per year". I do not personally know anyone that would be ok with a project of this type being approved in their neighborhood. I believe this to be especially true in places like Lewis, where people choose to live and visit because of the serenity it offers. This project would likely have a very disruptive impact on the local wildlife and forestry system as well. The local wildlife that can flee the area will undoubtedly do so as a survival instinct. Any exodus or re-location of wildlife would have other ripple down effects on the environment and local eco-systems. Since the wildlife don't get a voice in this matter, we must speak up and object to this project on their behalf.

I request for the Adirondack Park Agency to deny this application.

I also strongly recommend that the Adirondack Park Agency hold a public hearing for this project so that all stakeholders have an opportunity to provide input and be a part of the decision-making process.

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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I will be relocating to essex county within the next month; and am deeply concerned about the impacts of howitzer cannon usage within the adirondack park. Not only will the firing of heavy weaponry deeply disturb the wildlife that are key to the thriving of this park, but will also significantly impact the recreational value and quality of life for visitors and residents.

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Subject: Public Comment 2021-0276 - Please reply with "Received" to confirm receipt.
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To All Concerned,

My name is Michael Adamowicz and I object to any artillery / weapon testing being approved in Lewis, NY. My family owns a parcel of property close to this site on Black Mountain Rd In Jay which is slated to be donated to the Adirondak Land Trust so it can be added to the collection of forever wild properties in the area. Other properties near ours are also slated for this purpose. I am concerned about the impact this testing would have on wildlife as well as the surrounding community. I request you postpone approval of this project until further investigation is done regarding the impact on the environment, wildlife and the community. If in the end you are still considering approving this application, I also request that a realistic path to remedies for anyone harmed during these activities be established, and that this be vetted, and published for comment prior to approving this project.

Artillery testing impacts wildlife through habitat displacement, direct injuries, injuries experienced when attempting to flee and physiological stress caused by loud noise and vibrations. Given the frequency of testing and the size of the artillery being tested, this can be anticipated, and I am concerned that this will lead to a repeating set of dilemmas. Displaced animals will seek safety elsewhere and this can impact surrounding communities. This can come in the form of increased intrusions into communities and increased potential for dangerous encounters with wildlife as they seek safety and migrate through surrounding areas and streets. Other impacts can include decreased reproductive success and altered foraging patterns.

Although the applicant denies any of the materials used could lead to environmental contamination, there currently is no path to financial remedies clearly outlined for those impacted if contamination or other damages do occur. Given there is no direct benefit to the community because of these activities, and these activities have the potential to negatively impact the environment, animals and the surrounding community, it is not unreasonable to require paths to realistically accessible remedies be established and these be vetted and then published prior to approving the application. The lack of available remedies and the importance of this step is further punctuated by the fact the applicant does not own the property, and I am guessing he has set up an LLC or similar to shield himself from liability. Given this lack of investment, it is even more important a path for remedies to be made clear.

I am intimately aware of the outcomes one can experience when environmental contamination occurs and the tenant who created the problem is incorporated and has no vested

interest in the property. In my case, a tenant was caught illegally dumping chemicals in 1983. In our case, the tenant declared bankruptcy, the owner of the tenant company paid a \$10,000 fine and we (the property owner) paid over \$15 million in cleanup and related fees. This does not include the millions spent in legal fees. The cleanup at the site continues to this day, over 40 years later. It is with these experiences, and all my family has learned as a result, that I come to the conclusion that approval of this testing site without safeguards and established routes for realistically attainable remedies would be irresponsible.

The Adirondacks is a conservation area, comprising the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States. It includes the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park, which is a mix of state-owned "forever wild" Forest Preserve land and private property, protected by New York State and managed by agencies like the Department of Environmental Conservation. The sound from a single artillery discharge can travel for miles, impacting areas far beyond the testing range. This interrupts the peaceful enjoyment of property which owners are entitled to. This also interrupts the peaceful enjoyment which wildlife are entitled to given the intended protections of this region.

A single artillery discharge can reach or exceed 180 decibels, and the sound can travel for many miles depending on weather and terrain, significantly impacting areas far beyond the testing range. According to a Technical Bulletin from the Department of Defense Noise Working Group entitled "*An Overview of Blast Noise: Characteristics, Assessment and Mitigation*" (see attachments in email), "*Noise from large weapons (artillery, tank) and explosives can travel long distances, and still be loud enough to cause negative community reactions.*" The authors further report, "*Noise from live-fire training with ground-based systems (such as artillery or tank) is loud, intermittent, short in duration, and rich in low frequency energy. These sounds can travel long distances, often ten miles or more, and remain loud enough to be disturbing.*" The report further states, "*The duration of a single event blast from military training is typically only a few milliseconds. As it travels farther from the point of origin, the duration increases, much like thunder. Due to the abrupt onset of the signal, it can be quite startling to individuals.*"

When there is no direct benefit to the community which would compensate for any costs, applications for such activities should be denied. There have also already been complaints of farm animals being impacted by military training nearby and this would exacerbate these conditions. If I understand this correctly, this training was part of another project the applicant is managing and in this case appropriate notices were not even given. This knowledge alone should be justification for denying other applications which could only add to the disturbances experienced in the area.

Taking this all into consideration, although there have already been compromises made which diminish the positive impact of the protections intended for the Adirondacks as a conservation area, those previous choices should not be justification for making more such concessions. Instead, future concessions should be scrutinized and avoided whenever possible. If the only defense against concerns that the noise from these activities would have harmful effects is that there are other sources of noise pollution in the area, then this is no defense at all. The Adirondack park is meant to be a conservation site. If this assertion were determined to be a reasonable rationale, then many more would lean into this and expect similar concessions.

Summing it up, the Adirondacks is not an appropriate place for munitions testing due to justifiable concerns about noise, environmental impact, and disruption to the wilderness and nearby communities. The approval of munitions testing in Lewis, NY could have lasting irreversible effects on all these domains. I do not stand alone in my assertion that the loud, deafening blasts from weapons like howitzers would severely disturb wildlife and the peaceful experience of the park, even if the tests were limited to weekdays and non-explosive projectiles. This testing is not a benefit for the community, and approval of this application / project would also open the doors for further such projects in the Adirondacks. This is evidenced by the fact that other noise polluting activities in the area are used as justification for allowing this application to pass. Therefore, the only responsible decision in this case is to deny the application.

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An Overview of Blast Noise: Characteristics, Assessment and Mitigation

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This bulletin, “An overview of blast noise: characteristics, assessment, and mitigation,” is one of a series of technical bulletins issued by the Department of Defense (DoD) Noise Working Group (DNWG) under the initiative to educate and train DoD military, civilian, and contractor personnel, and the public, on noise issues.

For military noise management, blast noise is defined as noise generated by large caliber weapons (20mm and greater) and explosive charges. Blast noise is becoming more prevalent on military installations due to changes in the training doctrine and troops returning from overseas to home bases. In recent years, the number of troops receiving Improvised Explosive Device (IED) training has increased. Often, this training must be conducted at local installations due to time and fiscal constraints. Additionally, over the past few years, most installations have experienced a decline in large caliber weapons firing due to troop deployments. Once troops return, training levels should return to pre-deployment levels.

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BACKGROUND

The DoD Noise Working Group (DNWG) recognized that there is a dearth of compiled information regarding the unique characteristics, propagation tendencies, assessment methods, and management and mitigation methods for blast noise. As more military installations produce blast noise as part of their training mission, a succinct compilation of this information, written at a layman level, has become a necessity.

The purpose of this technical bulletin is to provide military installations with a single document that compiles the practical elements of blast noise management. This will be accomplished by providing an overview of the unique characteristics of blast noise, describing the methods used for assessing blast noise, and providing descriptions of known noise mitigation techniques and noise management strategies.

DISCUSSION

This section will cover three main topics:

- 1) The unique characteristics of blast noise and their implications for propagation.
- 2) Noise assessment methods for blast noise, including threshold criteria and prediction tools.
- 3) Mitigation, management, and control of blast noise.

Blast Noise Characteristics:

Noise from live-fire training with ground-based systems (such as artillery or tank) is loud, intermittent, short in duration, and rich in low frequency energy. These sounds can travel long distances, often ten miles or more, and remain loud enough to be disturbing. The spectral (i.e. frequency content or “pitch”) and temporal characteristics change over distance due to interactions with the surrounding environment, including the atmosphere, ground, and vegetation. In fact, noise from artillery can be likened to thunder: when lightning is near, one hears a sharp crack; when it is a moderate distance away, the thunder booms; and when distant, it has a rumbling, rolling quality. This section describes these effects in more detail.

Blast noise from military training operations is fundamentally different from more common noise sources, such as industrial or transportation noise. There are six major differences between these sounds, as shown in **Table 1**.

Characteristic	Blast Noise	Transportation Noise
Duration	Very short	Continuous or greater than 1 second duration
Frequency Content	Broadband, may contain significant low frequency content	Broadband, higher frequencies. May have tonal content
Loudness	Very loud	Moderately loud
Frequency of occurrence	Intermittent	Continuous or frequent
Visibility of noise source	Often far away, hard to determine direction, and unseen	Often visible, direction of source can often be determined
Directivity of source	Typically stationary. Source directivity can be significant	Typically moving. Source directivity is less profound over the duration of the signal

Table 1. Comparison of characteristics of blast noise and transportation noise.

These differences influence how far the sounds can propagate and how they are perceived by individuals and communities. In this section, each of these unique characteristics and the implications on propagation and perception will be described.

Duration: The duration of a single event blast from military training is typically only a few milliseconds. As it travels farther from the point of origin, the duration increases, much like thunder. Due to the abrupt onset of the signal, it can be quite startling to individuals. Because the signal is so short, it is highly sensitive to the instantaneous atmosphere at each point that it passes

through, causing a large amount of variability even when the weather does not appear to be changing.

Frequency Content: The frequency content of the signals is quite important. Signals from military blast noise are broadband, meaning that they have energy present over a very broad range of frequencies. For large weapons, such as artillery, there is a large amount of energy present at low frequencies, around 30-50 Hertz (Hz), which is near the lower end of the range of human hearing. Lower frequencies correspond to longer wavelengths. At 30 Hz, the wavelength of the sound is approximately 11 meters (m) or 36 feet. Higher frequencies have much shorter wavelengths. For example, speech is centered around 1000 Hz, which has a wavelength of approximately 34 centimeters or 13 inches. These shorter wavelengths are more likely to scatter off of or be absorbed by objects with which they interact, whereas the longer wavelengths tend to diffract (wrap or bend) around smaller objects. The atmosphere also absorbs sound, with the amount of absorption increasing with frequency. For example, at 1 kilometer or 0.6 mile, signals at 30 Hz will have lost approximately (~) 1 decibel (dB) due to atmospheric absorption, signals at 1000 Hz will have lost ~2.5 dB, and signals at 10,000 Hz will have lost ~18 dB. For reference, people typically cannot perceive a change of less than 3 dB, and an increase/decrease of 10 dB is perceived as a doubling/halving of loudness. This, along with the ability to bend around most objects, explains why low frequencies travel much longer distances than higher frequencies.

Related to frequency content is the concept of frequency weighting. Frequency weightings are sound level adjustments applied to the spectral representation of a sound. These weightings are based on the response of human ears to moderate level (A-weighting) or high level (C-weighting) sounds. For most industrial and transportation applications, A-weighting is used. For military blast noise assessments, C-weighting is used. A-weighting applies progressively higher reductions to lower frequencies, mimicking the reduced sensitivity of human ears to low frequency sounds. However, in order to more accurately capture the low frequency energy present in blast noise, and to account for the higher levels present, C-weighting, with its much slower roll-off at lower frequencies, is more appropriated for military blast noise. The standardized weightings as a function of frequency are shown below.

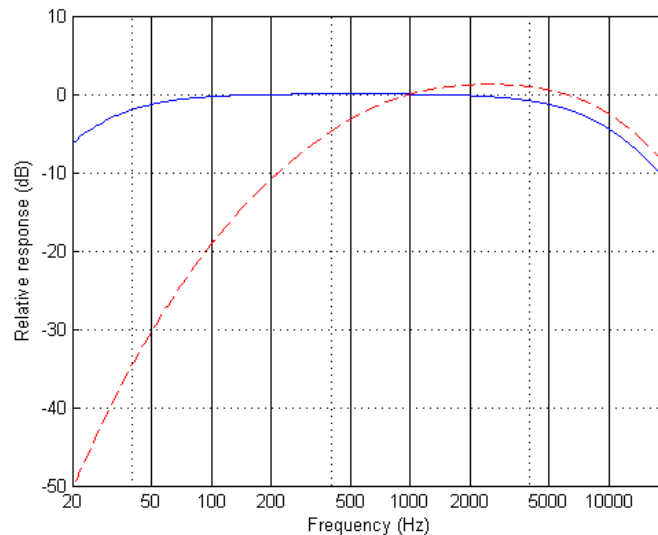


Figure 1: Frequency weightings. The red dashed line is A-weighting, the blue solid line is C-weighting.



Loudness: Blast noise from military training is loud. In the direct vicinity of the source, the levels are high enough that hearing protection is required to prevent hearing loss. Levels 2 km away from the demolition of 5 lbs of Composition C4 (a good surrogate for the largest artillery pieces in terms of loudness and general spectral characteristics) can be as high as 120 dB peak if propagation conditions are favorable. A peak level is defined as the loudest instantaneous sound level received over some time period. In this case, the time period is the duration of the signal. This is loud enough to startle people or animals, and on occasion rattle windows.

Frequency of occurrence: Live-fire training noise is intermittent. It can occur at any time of the day or night, at any time of the year, depending on the training requirement. But the noise is not constant, even on the busiest installations. Because the signals are infrequent, they are perceived differently from other more common noise sources. This influences the use of appropriate assessment metrics.

Directivity: Large weapons (greater size than 50 caliber (cal.)) often exhibit strong directivity in the acoustic signature. It is not uncommon for a weapon to be up to 15 dB louder in front of the muzzle than behind. Most sound sources have some directivity associated with them. For example, a person speaking exhibits strong directivity. A person is much easier to hear (louder) when facing you and speaking than when facing away from you and speaking. That is because the sound is projected outward from the mouth.

Long-range Sound Propagation (in general):

Long-range sound propagation through the atmosphere is most strongly influenced by three main factors: refraction, reflection, and scattering. Refraction is the bending of sound waves due to variations in temperature and wind within the atmosphere. Reflection is typically considered with respect to large surfaces, such as the ground or cliff faces. Scattering due to smaller objects, such as trees and buildings, as well as scattering from atmospheric turbulence are also considered.

Refraction: Refraction of sound waves works on the same principle as light refracting in water. Think of placing a spoon in a clear glass filled with water. Peering through the glass, it appears as though the spoon bends at the surface of the water. In fact, only the light is bending because the refractive properties of water are different than that of air. For acoustic waves, refraction is controlled by the gradient of the vertical sound speed profile. The speed of sound in the atmosphere is dependent upon temperature and wind speed in the direction of propagation. Both temperature and wind vary with height, depending on the time of day and other atmospheric conditions. Sound waves will bend towards the direction of lower sound speeds.

In general, there are three major refraction conditions: upward refracting, downward refracting, and upward, then downward, refracting. In an upward refracting condition, the sound waves tend to bend upwards into the upper atmosphere, creating a shadow zone near the ground where very little sound is heard. In a downward refracting condition, the sound waves tend to bend downwards back towards the ground and sound can travel for long distances near the ground. In an upward, then downward, refracting condition, the sound refracts up, creating a shadow zone, and then back down, sometimes very strongly, creating a situation where listeners closer to the source may not hear the sound but listeners farther away may hear the sound loudly. The following paragraphs describe each of these conditions in more detail.

Upward refraction occurs when the sound speed decreases with height. This can occur in a temperature lapse condition or an upwind propagation condition. In a temperature lapse, the temperature decreases with height. This is a common daytime condition, where the air near the

ground is being warmed by the sun. In an upwind propagation direction, the sound propagation of interest is in the opposite direction than the wind is blowing (upwind). In this case the wind speed, which increases with height, is subtracted from the temperature-dependent sound speed profile. When the sound is predominantly refracted upwards, the sound levels near the ground are very low. This is called a shadow zone. While mixing and randomness in the atmosphere will fill in the shadow zone to some degree, the levels near the ground are much lower than in other conditions. **Figure 2** illustrates an idealized example of upward refraction.

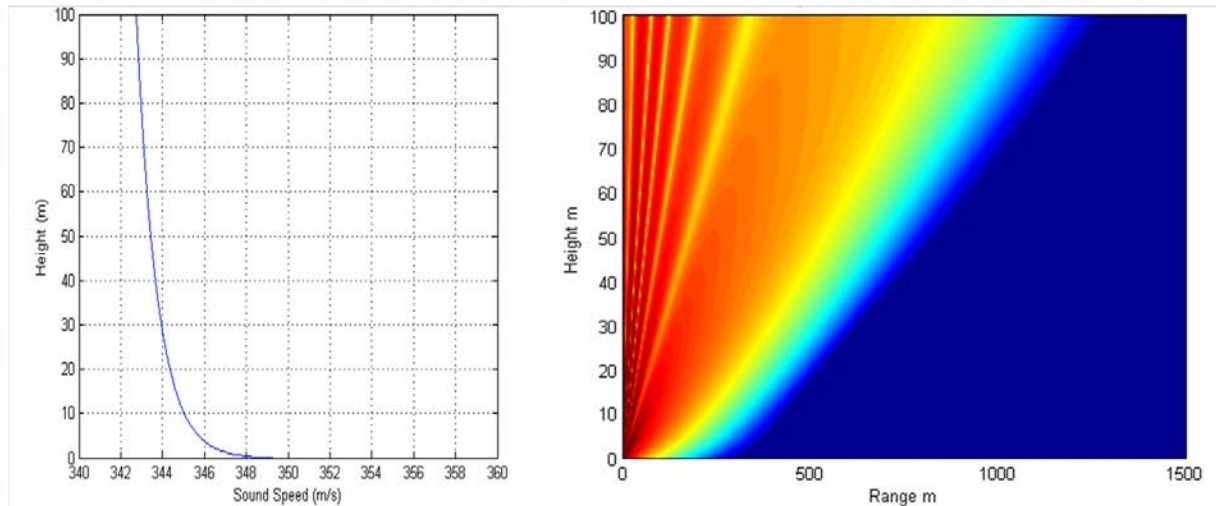


Figure 2. Upward Refraction condition. On the left, the sound speed decreases with height. On the right, red indicates high levels, deep blue indicates low levels.

Downward refraction occurs when the effective sound speed increases with height. This can occur in a temperature inversion condition or a downwind condition. In a temperature inversion situation, the temperature increases with height. This is a common nighttime condition, where the air is cooler near the ground as the ground releases heat stored during the day. This cooling spreads upwards with time. In a downwind propagation direction, the sound propagation of interest is in the same direction that the wind is blowing (downwind). In this case the wind speed, which increases with height, is added to the temperature-dependent sound speed profile. When the sound is predominantly refracted towards the ground, the sound can propagate for long distances along the ground surface. This case can occur at night, during cloudy and foggy days, and low cloud ceilings. **Figure 3** illustrates an idealized example of downward refraction.

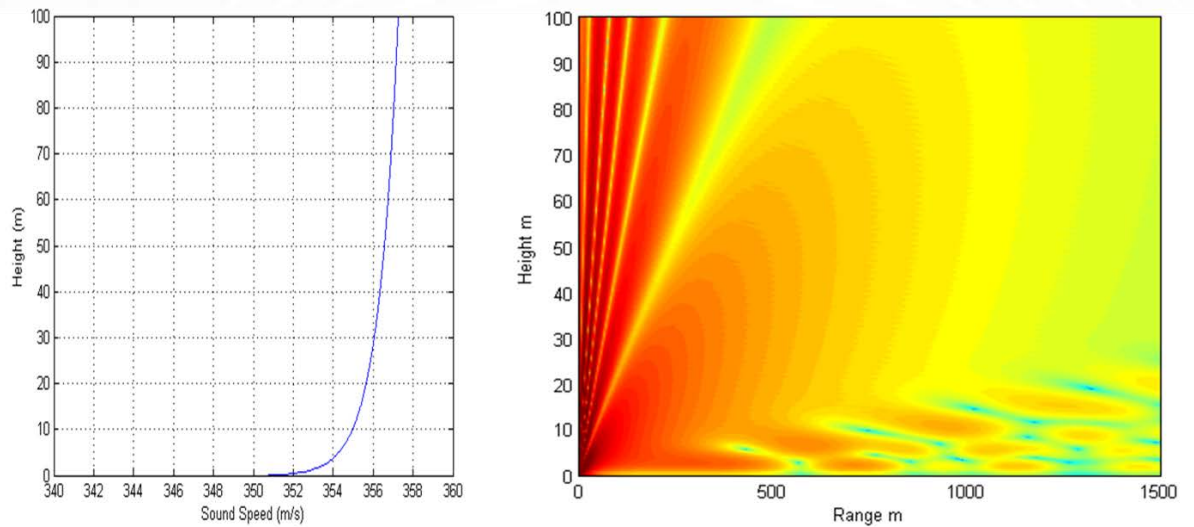


Figure 3. Downward Refraction condition. On the left, the sound speed increases with height. On the right, red indicates high levels, deep blue indicates low levels.

An upward, then downward, refracting case occurs when the sound speed profile first decreases with height and then increases. This is a common occurrence early in the day, and the effect depends strongly upon the height of the inversion layer, defined as the height at which the temperature gradient changes from decreasing with height (lapse) to increasing with height (inversion). In this condition, the sound will first refract upwards. When it reaches the inversion height, it will be refracted downwards. This can lead to cases where there may be little sound (shadow zone) near the source, but strong signal further away. **Figure 4** illustrates an idealized example of an upward, then downward, refracting case.

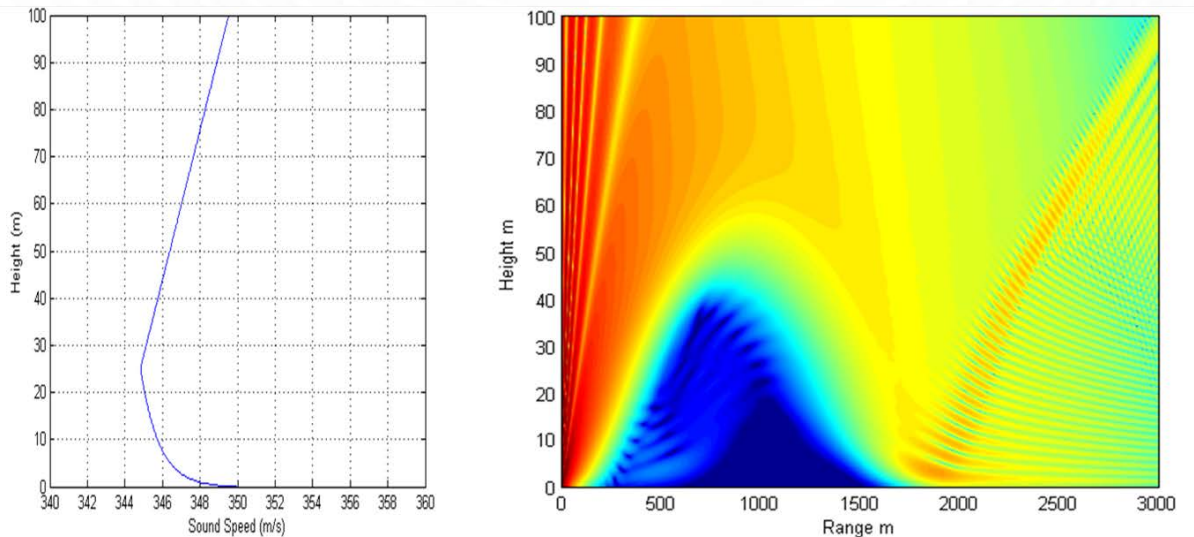


Figure 4. Upward, then downward, Refraction condition. On the left, the sound speed first decreases and then increases with height. On the right, red indicates high levels, deep blue indicates low levels.

Reflection: Acoustic waves will reflect from large surfaces that they come into contact with. Sometimes these reflections are like perfect bounces and sometimes the reflections result in some loss of energy. Think of dribbling a basketball. If you are on a basketball court with a nice smooth,

solid surface, the ball behaves as expected. The ball will bounce back to about the same height it was dropped from. Bounce passes to a friend are predictable, as the ball will bounce up at the same angle to the court as it impacted the surface. Now think of dribbling that same basketball on a grassy field. Instead of bouncing back to the same height, it will only bounce back part of the way. This is because some of the energy in the ball has been absorbed by the ground. If you attempt a bounce pass to your friend, the ball will go in some unpredictable direction, and will lose some energy along the way. Sound waves behave in a very similar way. On acoustically hard surfaces, such as asphalt or still water, the sound will reflect perfectly, much like the basketball on the court, and almost no energy is lost due to the reflection. On acoustically softer surfaces, such as grass, forest floors, or snow, some sound is absorbed at each reflection, causing attenuation along the propagation path. An illustration of sound reflecting off a rigid surface is shown in **Figure 5**.

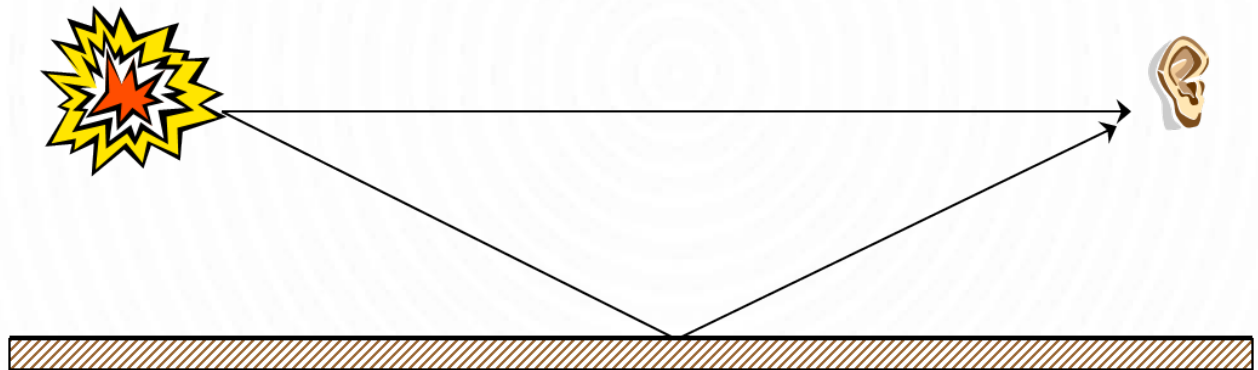


Figure 5. Illustration of sound waves bouncing off of a rigid surface and arriving at a listener.

Scattering and Turbulence: Scattering occurs when sound waves interact with smaller objects, typically a few wavelengths or less in size. Think of a smoothly flowing stream. All of the water is moving steadily in the same direction. Now imagine a rock protruding above the surface. The water now redirects around the rock, and some of the redirected water interferes with the general flow of the stream, causing eddies and ripples. Now think of many objects cluttering the stream. The flow is no longer smooth. Instead, it has places with strong flow, places with almost no flow, and anything in between. This is similar to an acoustic wave scattering off of objects in its path, producing areas of stronger sound and lower sound, and generally muddying up the flow. Some examples of settings with strong scattering are cities (buildings, cars, people), forests (trees and undergrowth), and the turbulent atmosphere. In this section, the focus is on the turbulent atmosphere, as it is the most common occurrence, and it has a strong influence on impulsive blast noise.

Turbulence is present most of the time in the atmosphere. Portions of air, called turbules, move in a semi-random fashion. In the general atmosphere, large masses of air will break down into progressively smaller masses of air, providing a wide size distribution of scattering objects. The turbules scatter sound because they may be a different temperature and may be moving in a different direction. The net effects of turbulence are randomizing the signal to some degree, filling in shadow zones by scattering energy into them, and causing high variability in received levels of impulsive signals. Scattering from turbulence can lead to variability in received peak levels of up to 15 dB peak within a 15 minute time window. This certainly complicates determining the validity of measurements and simulations of noise levels. Turbulence has an effect on more continuous noise sources as well, but the effects tend to be averaged out more over time, unlike impulsive signals that pass quickly through and interact with the instantaneous atmosphere.

Figure 6 contains examples of one realization of turbulence each for an upward refracting case and a downward refracting case. These can be compared to the plots in **Figure 2** and **Figure 3**. Notice how the effect is much more profound in the upward refracting case than in the downward refracting case. However, both cases are influenced by turbulence.

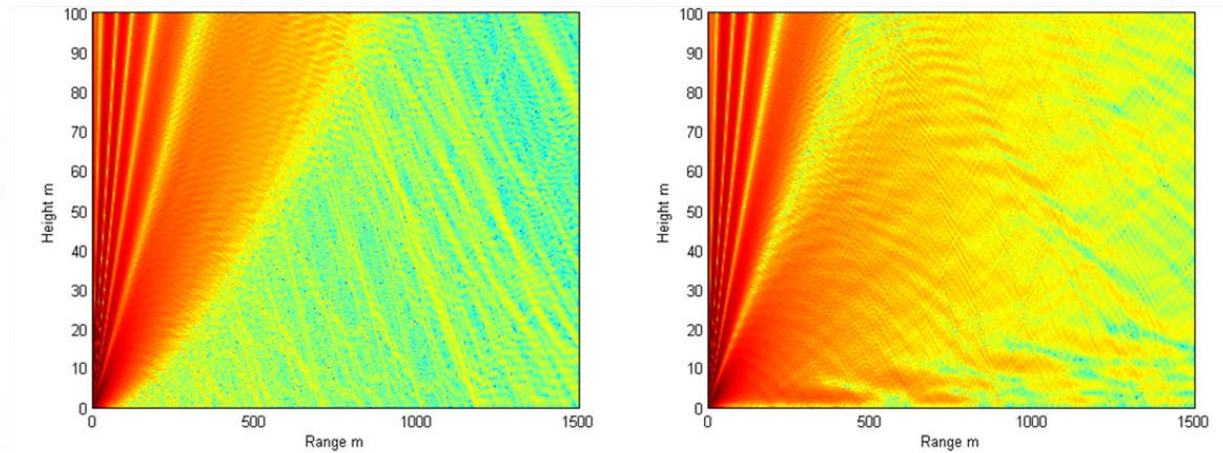


Figure 6. Turbulence examples. The upward refracting case is on the left and the downward refracting case is on the right.

Noise Assessment Methods for Blast Noise:

Noise is the most common environmental impact on communities surrounding military installations. The unique characteristics of blast noise suggest that these noises be assessed using different methods than noise sources such as aircraft and transportation noise. The impulsive and intermittent characteristics of blast elicit community responses at different levels than other sounds. Because of the nature of the sounds produced, blast noise can travel quite far from the installation. People in the community may view noise as a nuisance, a health risk, or a property risk. These concerns generally fall within the categories of building damage, property values, quality of life issues, hearing damage, and sleep disturbance. Army Regulation 200-1 (AR 200-1), Environmental Protection and Enhancement, and US Marine Corps Order 3550.13 (MCO 3550.13), "Marine Corps Installations Range Compatible Use Zones (RCUZ) Program" dictate the metrics and thresholds used for NEPA, and land use planning for the Army and Marine Corps, respectively, Installation Noise Management Plans for the Army, and RCUZ procedures for the USMC. Guidance for the Navy and the Air Force is still emerging.

Thresholds designate the edges of Noise Zones. Noise Zone III includes very high sound levels or very frequent occurrences of the noise. Noise sensitive land uses, such as housing, schools, and medical facilities, are not recommended in Noise Zone III. Levels are still high, but considered at least marginally more acceptable in Noise Zone II. However, it is advised that noise sensitive land uses not be located within Noise Zone II. Noise-sensitive land uses are considered acceptable within the Land Use Planning Zone (LUPZ) and Noise Zone I. The LUPZ is a subdivision of Zone I and is delineated at 5 dB lower than the lower bound of Noise Zone II. Communities and individuals often have different views regarding what level of noise is acceptable or desirable. To address this, some local governments have implemented land use planning measures out beyond the Noise Zone II limits. Implementing planning controls within the LUPZ can develop a buffer to avert the possibility of future noise conflicts. In reality, there are often existing noise sensitive land uses that could be defined as non-conforming, such as housing in Noise Zone II. In most cases, this is not a risk to community quality of life or mission sustainment. The thresholds of these Noise Zones are listed in **Table 2**.

	Noise limits (dB)
Noise zone	Impulsive CDNL
LUPZ	57 - 62
I	< 62
II	62 - 70
III	>70

Table 2. Noise limits as specified in AR 200-1 and MCO 3550.13 for large arms (Impulsive CDNL).

As illustrated in the previous section, noise levels in communities will vary greatly, based on atmospheric conditions. Because of this fact, AR 200-1 and MCO 3550.13 state that noise modeling shall be used to determine the noise zones. Typical commercial, off-the-shelf noise modeling software does not have the capability needed to predict impulsive noise levels, and does not contain the acoustic source data required for predicting noise levels due to military weapons systems. Government-owned software is available for these applications and will be described briefly in the following sections.

Applicable regulations state that for large weapons (20 millimeter (mm) and greater), noise contours shall be calculated in CDNL (C-weighted Day-Night averaged sound Level) for land use planning purposes. This metric averages all of the sound energy produced during the assessment period, applying a 10 dB penalty for any event occurring between 2200 and 0700 hours, the so-called nighttime penalty. The typical assessment period over which the noise energy is averaged is 250 days for Active Army installations and 104 days for Army Reserve and National Guard installations. The Marine Corps uses an assessment period of 365 days for busy installations, and a variable numbers of days for less active installations.

The use of average noise levels over a protracted time period generally does not adequately assess the probability of community noise complaints based on what people actually hear. There are several issues that communities frequently bring up when presented with average noise levels. Contours contained on-post lead people to believe the noise stays on-post. At many installations, Noise Zones are contained within the installation boundary indicating that noise-sensitive development would be compatible up to the fence line. Furthermore, CDNL contours can show areas as “compatible” even though single events may shake some houses.

To give communities and decision-makers a better sense of the actual noise environment when training is occurring, it is recommended that peak level contours also be generated. Thresholds for the peak levels for large arms are based on the Pater criteria, shown in **Table 3**. These criteria provide an indication of the likelihood of receiving a noise complaint, based on the peak level received. Though these areas often encompass land beyond the Noise Zones, individual communities may decide that proactive planning initiatives, such as real estate disclosure or ACUB (Army Compatible Use Buffer) participation, would benefit the community. Some guidance for use of peak levels follows:

1. People located within the 115 and 130 dB Peak area may be exposed to noise levels that are noticeable and distinct. From within this area, the installation has a moderate risk of receiving noise complaints. The magnitude of the complaint risk is dependent upon frequency of occurrence in addition to factors such as time of day activity occurs, propagation conditions under which activity takes place, and noise sensitivity of individuals in these areas.
2. Levels above 130 dB Peak are generally objectionable, and are often described as very loud and startling. These levels are correlated with a high risk of noise complaints.
3. For infrequent operations which may generate high peak levels in the community, land use controls may not be warranted. However, prior public notification should be given.
4. Peak levels are directly correlated with airborne vibration which is the dominant cause of structural response from military training. Peak levels in the low 120's may cause the rattling of windows or loose ornaments (e.g., pictures on walls) which can annoy occupants but are below levels necessary to cause structural damage. It is widely recognized that structural damage is improbable below 140 dB Peak.

Risk of Noise complaints	Large caliber weapons noise limits (dBP)	Perceptibility
Low	< 115	Audible
Medium	115 - 130	Noticeable, distinct, may notice vibration/rattle
High	>130	Very loud, may startle

Table 3. Pater criteria thresholds for determining the likelihood of receiving a noise complaint.

The metric utilized to plot the complaint risk noise contours is PK15(met). PK 15(met) is the calculated peak noise level, without frequency weighting, expected to be exceeded by 15 percent of all events that might occur. PK 15(met) accounts for statistical variation in received single event peak noise level that is due to weather. It was determined that using the average (50%) solution was inadequate for generating a realistic picture of the noise environment, and that using the maximum (100%) solution was too restrictive. Thus the 85% solution (PK15(met)) was chosen as the metric of choice for noise assessments. If there are multiple weapon types fired from one location, or multiple firing locations, the single event level chosen should be the loudest level that occurs at each receiver location.

Most tables of equivalent noise levels only consider time-averaged noise levels. For that reason, a table of peak levels of some common noise sources is included here in Table 4.

Noise Source	Peak Level (dB)
Safety whistle at 15.2 m	76
Thunderstorm, varying distances	95-112
Restaurant	105-145
Balloon Pop at 1 m	117-137
Movie Theater	<130
Average rock, pop, or rap concert	139
Cap gun at 50 cm	143-152
Pull-apart firecracker at 20 cm	153
Airbags at driver's ear	169

Table 4. Examples of peak levels of several common sources. (source: Noise Navigator Database)

Noise assessment for large weapons (20 mm and greater), and explosives are currently performed using the government-owned software, BNoise2. The software considers type of weapon and ammunition, number and time of rounds fired, range attributes, weather, and assessment procedures and metrics. It accounts for the spectrum and directivity of both muzzle blast and projectile sonic boom, which facilitates accurate calculation of propagation and frequency weighting. Source model parameter values are based on empirical data. The propagation algorithms are based on sophisticated calculations and experimental data. Available metrics include sound exposure level (SEL), peak, and day-night noise level (DNL). C-weighting for SEL and DNL is available.

Mitigation and Management Strategies for Blast Noise:

Blast noise, particularly from large weapons and demolitions, is notoriously difficult to mitigate. Because of the high pressures and low frequencies inherent in the signal, methods used for transportation noise, such as road barriers, are not feasible. Finding novel methods for mitigating blast noise is an active area of research. There are, however, strategies available for minimizing the impacts of blast noise on surrounding communities. These include understanding atmospheric conditions, intelligent range siting, and communicating with the public. In addition, some suggestions regarding noise monitoring are presented.

Understanding atmospheric conditions: When it is possible to do so without compromising the training mission, selecting training times based on atmospheric conditions can minimize the noise levels received in communities around installations. Ideally, training on bright, sunny, cloudless days, from mid-morning until mid-afternoon, is ideal. These are strongly upward refracting conditions, and much of the sound energy will be refracted into the upper atmosphere where it does not impact communities. Nighttime, dawn and dusk should be avoided whenever possible, as propagation conditions are strongly downward refracting. During dawn and dusk upward, then downward, refracting conditions are common, making areas of potentially high noise levels difficult to predict. Overcast skies, fog, and low ceilings also all have strong downward refracting conditions, and should be avoided when possible. If there are noise-sensitive communities in the downwind direction, it is desirable to wait for wind conditions to shift, as propagation will be stronger in the downwind direction. Conversely, if the noise-sensitive community is in the upwind direction, they are less likely to be impacted by the sounds.

Intelligent range siting: Effective land use planning on and around military installations can greatly reduce the number of noise complaints received by the installation and improve the quality of life of surrounding communities, as well as on-post communities. Discouraging noise-sensitive land uses, such as hospitals, schools, and homes, in areas that are known to have high noise levels is a good start. Ranges should be built as far as possible from noise-sensitive areas. The strong directivity inherent in many weapon systems can be exploited by orienting the firing direction so that the maximum energy is pointing away from noise-sensitive areas.

Communication: Effective communication between the installation and the surrounding community is vital for any noise management plan. Real estate disclosure statements can reduce the likelihood of noise-sensitive people moving into noisy areas with existing housing. Informing the public through radio and television spots, newspaper articles and websites, of significant changes to the noise environment has been shown to help with acceptance. Often noise “complaint” calls are really simply a resident wondering what is going on, why is it happening, and when will it stop.

Short term noise monitoring: In some situations, a short-term noise monitoring study may be performed to get a benchmark on the noise environment. However, the long-term applicability of the data recorded during such a noise monitoring study is limited to similar atmospheric conditions. That said, short-term noise monitoring can be a powerful tool for improving public relations, alleviating concerns, and getting a few data points on the actual noise levels in an area.

Long term noise monitoring: In areas with chronic issues, it can be of great benefit to install permanent noise monitors. This accomplishes two things. First, it improves community relations by demonstrating that their concerns are taken seriously by the installation leadership. Second, it provides the installation with real received levels, which can be extremely valuable when investigating complaints or damage claims. Prior to investing in a long-term noise monitoring

system, the Installation Leadership is cautioned to develop a plan for the long-term storage and planned usage of the data collected, as well as a plan for operation and maintenance of the system. The DNWG does not endorse any one monitoring system at this time, and installations are cautioned to research their choices carefully before investing in such a system.



SUMMARY

This technical bulletin has provided an overview of the unique characteristics, assessment, and mitigation of blast noise. Qualities of blast noise that differ significantly from more common noise sources, such as transportation noise, have been highlighted and each feature described. The influence of environmental parameters, such as meteorology and the ground, on long range sound propagation have been illustrated. Noise assessment methods, metrics, and threshold have been provided in detail. Finally, some mitigation and noise management strategies have been described.



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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Michele Sierak
Email from: michelesierak@verizon.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I ask when a weapons range would ever be permitted....hopefully never! Open this and you have opened a dangerous can of worms. It doesn't matter if the property is large, it breaks all kinds of safety protocols, has no respect for nature, would require enormous oversight, so very costly. It builds a huge pad (why so big?) and would set a very bad precedent. The Adirondacks need to be protected, it's should not be a free for all for every whim owners seek. How is this even a consideration in the adk? Vote no never!

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Comments from: Nancy R McArthur
Email from: nancy.nordicrun@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 224 Keene NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

We live full time in the Adirondacks and find the noise of war extremely frightening. One of the fee simple bundle of rights is Quiet Enjoyment which this property use denies to us and our neighbors. Disturbed pets and children do not adapt to this noise, and its presence reduces property values as a result.
Denying residents the tranquil environment they sought when they moved here is unfair and unnecessary. All of us depend on the APA to protect our rights especially when threatened by a weapons testing site which might also test local resources in the event of accidents.
Please do not allow this use on this property.

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Comments from: nora de santiago
Email from: cerrosaltosazules@gmail.com
Address: 383 WEST MAIN ST. MALONE NY 12953
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Mr. Frederick Aldinger.-

Our environment here is very delicate, we are truly blessed to live in a wooded area, in order to do the testing they will tear down many many trees, we don't know what chemicals are used in those testing weapons, they might go through our rivers, wells, any water stream contaminating, and not only that, the wild life will suffer with the tremendous noise so loud, besides the neighbors because no matter how many acres Hopmeier owns, noise that loud travels far enough to a significant vast area. My vote is NO, NO permits for him to test weapons in the Adirondacks. Thank you

From: Parker Leclair <parkerleclair14@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to oppose the permit for Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) to operate a projectile testing range in Lewis, NY. The site lies adjacent to the Jay Mountain Wilderness, a constitutionally protected Forever Wild area of the Adirondack Park, and is wholly unsuited to heavy artillery testing.

The applicant proposes using a 155 mm Howitzer cannon, capable of producing sound levels over 130 dB on nearby state land—levels considered hazardous by U.S. Army standards. Even these modeled figures rely on incomplete data and idealized conditions. In addition, I have personally heard other heavy artillery being fired from the site while camping in Magic Pines Campground, with rapid, powerful bursts continuing until 11 p.m. on a Saturday night. The sound resembled a superpowered machine gun and reverberated through the valley for miles, disturbing both residents and wildlife. Such activity shows a clear lack of respect for the surrounding community and the wilderness environment.

Wildlife species most sensitive to these disturbances include owls, bats, loons, songbirds, and small mammals—all of which rely on acute hearing for navigation, hunting, and communication. Larger species such as black bears, moose, and raptors are also vulnerable to high-decibel shockwaves, which can cause stress, avoidance behavior, and long-term habitat displacement.

Equally concerning is the applicant's refusal to cooperate with environmental oversight. When asked by the Agency to identify any solvents, lubricants, or coatings used in the artillery or testing process, UCI responded that the request was "random, endless... in violation of the Adirondack Park Agency Act," accusing the Agency of "abusing its discretion" for seeking this information. Such hostility toward basic environmental inquiry is deeply troubling. UCI's refusal to provide Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) or disclose the chemical composition of substances handled on site leaves the public with no assurance that toxic residues, propellants, or heavy metals will not enter local soils or groundwater.

For these reasons, I urge the Agency to deny Project #2021-0276 in its entirety, or at minimum, require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that includes transparent chemical disclosure, multi-season acoustic analysis, and wildlife impact assessment.

The Adirondack Park's Forever Wild protections are among New York's highest environmental values. Allowing artillery testing beside wilderness would permanently degrade this legacy.

Sincerely,
Parker LeClair

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Paul Spengler
Email from: pspengle57@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose the proposed weapons range for testing the internal ballistics of cannon barrels. The noise that would be created from this goes well beyond the property where the testing is proposed. The APA needs to do their job and protect the "Forever Wild" nature of the lands surrounding the proposed site, in addition to the nearby communities that would be negatively affected.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Paula King
Email from: paula.m.king8@gmail.com
Address: Chateaugay 12920
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As a concerned woman living in the Adirondacks, I have no interest in supporting this project in our beautiful North Country. I am not in favor of polluting the Adirondacks with military canons.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Pieter J DeSmit
Email from: desmitpp@gmail.com
Address: 2016 Blue Mount Road Monkton MD 21111-1220
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I directed a summer resident camp for the Wilmington YMCA for three summers. It was located on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Aberdeen Proving Ground was across from our location. Testing took place with regularity, day and night, with disruptive sound, tremors and live ammunition often washing up on our swimming and boating areas! While public safety was of highest concern, accidents and disruptions were constantly disrupting the camp environment and activities.

I understand the need for testing and research, however, from my experience I would not encourage the "open air" approach for testing near populated area.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Polly Spengler
Email from: pspengler@comcast.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I firmly oppose the proposed weapons range for testing internal ballistics of cannon barrels. This proposal does NOT just include the land in question. It involves the explosive sounds that would be heard far beyond its boundary. The APA need to do the job of protecting "Forever Wild" land in the area. In addition, they need to protect the communities in the area that would be negatively impacted by the noise that would be generated with the testing.

Formal Opposition to APA Project No. 2021-0276

Project: Unconventional Concepts, Inc. – Proposed Ballistics Test Range, Lewis, NY

To:

Mr. Fritz Aldinger

Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

P.O. Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

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Subject: Formal Opposition to APA Project No. 2021-0276 – Proposed Ballistics and Weapons Testing Range in Lewis, Essex County

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

This correspondence constitutes a formal opposition to the pending permit application (APA Project No. 2021-0276) submitted by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. (UCI) for the construction and operation of a ballistics testing range in the Town of Lewis, Essex County, New York. Following review of the application materials, including the H2H Geoscience & Engineering “Scope of Work” and Sound Analyses / Sound Study Reports (September 2022–September 2023), the proposed project demonstrates substantial technical and procedural deficiencies that preclude informed approval under the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

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1. Deficiencies and Inconsistencies in the Sound Study

The submitted H2H Sound Study (September 2023) lacks sufficient technical rigor to characterize the true acoustic impacts of the proposed activity. Data collection occurred only on December 20–21, 2022, under winter, snow-covered conditions that artificially suppress ambient noise levels and underestimate sound propagation. The analysis relied on proxy data from the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment (FFI) for a 155mm M109 Field Howitzer, rather than site-specific measurements. The study did not model cumulative or long-term noise exposure or assess impulse peaks exceeding 100–130 dB(A), which are inconsistent with NYSDEC Program Policy DEP-00-1 (Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts). The combination of limited sampling and non-local modeling renders the conclusions unreliable for regulatory decision-making.

2. Incomplete Project Definition and Unverified Mitigation Measures

The project description exhibits internal inconsistencies and lacks empirical validation for its proposed mitigation. Application materials alternately describe a 330-yard range and a 100-foot firing pad with a 590-foot target area, suggesting that the scope and operational footprint are not fixed. The 13-foot sound mitigation berm is unsupported by quantitative modeling or field verification of attenuation efficiency. The applicant provides no plan for soil or groundwater monitoring to address potential accumulation of propellant residues, metallic fragments, or chemical byproducts. Given the site’s proximity to State Land classified as Wild Forest and wetland areas, failure to evaluate contaminant transport or runoff pathways constitutes a significant omission under SEQRA §617.7(c)(1)(iii).

3. Environmental and Ecological Impacts Noise and Vibration: The proposed use of a 155mm howitzer, even without explosive warheads, is expected to generate high-intensity acoustic events. Repetitive impulse noise of this magnitude can exceed 100 dB(A) at nearby receptors, producing measurable impacts on both human receptors and wildlife. Habitat and Species Disturbance: The 197-acre project site and its buffer zone overlap potential habitats for avian and mammalian species sensitive to acoustic disturbance. Repeated high-decibel events can alter nesting success, feeding behavior, and migration routes. Water and Soil Quality: No baseline environmental sampling or contaminant risk analysis has been provided. The lack of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), groundwater monitoring protocol, or hazardous residue management plan prevents a complete evaluation of potential adverse effects.

4. Land Use Classification and Regulatory Incompatibility

The project site is located within an area classified as “Rural Use” under the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan. This classification restricts development to low-intensity, non-industrial activities consistent with the protection of natural resources and the maintenance of open-space character. A ballistics testing facility—by design, an industrial and defense-oriented use—is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this designation. Approval would establish a precedent for incompatible land uses within a protected resource management zone, contrary to APA policy and the Park’s legislative framework.

5. Procedural Deficiencies and Public Process

The administrative record reflects insufficient public disclosure and engagement for a project of this magnitude. There has been no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared under SEQRA, despite evident potential for significant adverse impacts on noise, habitat, and water resources. Before any determination of significance, the APA should: (1) Require preparation of a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing the cumulative and year-round operational effects; (2) Commission an independent sound study conforming to NYSDEC DEP-00-1 standards; and (3) Conduct a formal public hearing within the Town of Lewis to ensure a transparent record.

6. Requests for Corrective Action

Based on the deficiencies identified above, I respectfully request that the Adirondack Park Agency: (1) Deny the permit application for APA Project No. 2021-0276; (2) Mandate a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under SEQRA; (3) Commission an independent sound and environmental impact analysis using NYSDEC-approved methods; and (4) Defer further action until the applicant demonstrates compliance with APA and SEQRA procedural and substantive requirements.

Conclusion

The documentation submitted by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. fails to meet the evidentiary and procedural thresholds required for project approval within the Adirondack Park. The deficiencies in acoustic modeling, environmental analysis, and land-use consistency preclude a finding of no significant impact. Accordingly, the application should be denied pending comprehensive environmental review and independent verification of all claimed mitigation measures.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell & Barbara Sexton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Landowner, Town of Lewis, NY

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Comments from: Robert Bruce
Email from: robbru@cptelco.net
Address: 32784
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My Comments:

I personally see no reason to approve this project as presented.

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Comments from: Robert Ivy
Email from: robhivy@gmail.com
Address: 1600 JERSEY ST ESSEX NY 12936-2925
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Firing heavy guns in Lewis is a terrible idea. It will disturb us locals, wildlife, and may drive away valuable tourist traffic. No to this proposal.

From: Sarah Stolzenburg <sarahstolzenburg@gmail.com>
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Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Stolzenburg
Essex, NY

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Comments from: Scott Gowdy
Email from: scottmax2008@aol.com
Address: 115 Moss Rd Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

It's not needed here, the supervisor obviously doesn't seem to be bothered, but my dogs hear the fire works from elizabethtown, find a desert, certainly not in the Adirondack park! Come on jim Monty! You live right here, there is no benefit to this especially to the residents. NO

From: Scott Hagadorn <scotthagadorn@gmail.com>
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Hello APA:

Argument Against the Proposal for a Weapons Test Facility in the Town of Lewis - APA PROJECT ID 2021-0276.

Fundamentally, this project has no merit in the Adirondack Park and strikes against the foundational tenants of the Park's Constitutional Protections.

1. Violation of the Adirondack Park's Constitutional Protections

The Adirondack Park is protected under Article XIV of the New York State Constitution, which mandates that the Forest Preserve "shall be forever kept as wild forest lands."

- A weapons testing facility—by nature involving explosions, projectiles, or destructive activities—is fundamentally incompatible with this constitutional guarantee.
- Allowing such a facility would set a dangerous precedent, opening the door to further industrial or militarized uses within a park explicitly designated for preservation and public recreation.

2. Environmental and Ecological Risks

Weapons testing inherently involves noise pollution, chemical contamination, and potential habitat destruction.

- Explosives and ballistic materials can contaminate soil, groundwater, and surface waters, threatening sensitive ecosystems and wildlife that define the Adirondacks.
- The Park contains numerous protected wetlands and watersheds that feed into major New York rivers—contamination here could have statewide environmental consequences.
- Disruption from noise and shockwaves would disturb nesting birds, mammals, and aquatic life, violating both state and federal environmental protections (including the Endangered Species Act).

3. Public Safety and Land Use Conflicts

A weapons testing site would introduce significant safety hazards into a region known for recreation, tourism, and residential communities.

- The Adirondacks draw millions of visitors each year for hiking, fishing, and camping—activities incompatible with live-fire or explosive testing nearby.

- Emergency response capabilities in remote areas of the Park are limited; accidental explosions or fires could endanger nearby communities and natural resources.
- The facility would likely require restricted zones and security perimeters, effectively privatizing or limiting access to what is supposed to be public land.

4. Economic and Social Impacts

The Adirondack economy is built upon eco-tourism, conservation, and outdoor recreation.

- A weapons testing facility would create a negative regional image, deterring visitors, second-home buyers, and outdoor recreation companies.
- Economic benefits would be minimal and localized, while the broader regional economy could suffer long-term reputational and financial harm.
- It would pit private industrial interests against the collective public interest in maintaining the Park's pristine and peaceful character.

5. Availability of More Appropriate Locations

Weapons testing requires specialized infrastructure, security, and isolation that can be better accommodated in existing industrial or military zones.

- New York State and the federal government already manage lands suitable for such uses (e.g., Fort Drum).
- There is no compelling need to site such a facility inside one of the most protected and ecologically significant landscapes in the Northeast.

Thank you for your consideration of the above points against this proposal.

Sincerely,

Scott Hagadorn
175 High Stone Circle
Pittsford NY 14534

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Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I have friends in Lewis who have already been impacted by his activities. The community is deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sita Sanders
Boquet Construction, LLC
607.437.5825

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My name is Skyler and I am a year round resident in the Adirondack Park. My family has lived in the Adirondacks since the 1800's and I am against bringing this type of private weapons range into the Adirondack Park. Not only will the firing of these weapons cause a sound disturbance for miles around which will cover much more space than the 197 acres he owns and will be using, but there is also the issue of heavy metals being dispersed with the possibility of leakage into ground water every time the weapons are fired. What impact will it have on local wildlife? What impact to local water sources?

If we start allowing private military firms to move into the Adirondacks, what is stopping more of these outfits from moving into the Park? The Adirondacks can still be referred to as 'Forever Wild', but with the introduction of the testing of these weapons, how long can the Adirondacks stay wild? If one is allowed, more will come.

Thank you,
Skyler

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Comments from: Stefanie Cox
Email from: stefanie.h.o.cox@comcast.net
Address: 217 Youngs Rd. Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear Frederick Aldinger and APA,

Please stop the Hopmeier project! Modern military cannons have no place in a wilderness preserve. Howitzers do not support the fundamental concept of "forever wild." Cannons are harmful to animals, humans, trees, and other living things.

Preserve the park for wildlife conservation, biodiversity, and human activity in harmony with those goals... For instance, hiking, kayaking, biking, skiing are activities that rely on the peaceful beauty, without causing excessive noise pollution and genuine fear.

Thank you for your consideration.
Stefanie Cox

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Sue Curran

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I AM CONTACTING THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY ABOUT Agency Board Meeting Public Comment

NAME Sue Curran

EMAIL nsky66@gmail.com

IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE LIST THE PHONE NUMBER YOU WILL USE.

SUBJECT Ballistic testing in Lewis New York

MESSAGE Does owning property in Lewis NY also allow you the air space? Who is this private military contractor in our town? say no to what is a chilling precedent being set. thank you

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Susan Kier-Merrihew
Email from: skmcnm@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As a resident of Lewis who treasures the peaceful rural life I enjoy. I am against this project. Both human and animal life would be adversely affected.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: zuzia007@ymail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Suzanne Kwasniewski
Email from: zuzia007@ymail.com
Address: 124 Lighthouse Way Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

these guns make an incredible amount of noise, 180 decibels, I believe, and will be detrimental to wildlife and disturbing the peace for humans as well, please, do not allow this in the town of Lewis or any where else in the park

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Suzanne M Carrillo
Email from: swmrfsh@gmail.com
Address: 28 Deerwood Lane Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to ballistics testing for this project, specifically project named above. However, I am opposed to any ballistic testing in the ADK. Far-reaching noise will disturb migration patterns of wildlife and disrupt the peaceful environment of those people who live here. I vote no for this project.. Loud noise, or noise pollution, negatively impacts the environment by stressing wildlife, disrupting communication and breeding patterns, altering predator-prey dynamics, and changing species distribution. It can force animals to avoid essential habitats, cause physiological stress, and interfere with their ability to find food

From: Teddi Rogers <hello@kitandsylstudio.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 4:13 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Teddi Rogers
Westport 12993

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From: Brosseau, Benjamin (APA)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:18 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Fw: Website Contact Form - Military-grade weapons testing in a small NY town.

From: Theresa Stamates <notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:56:42 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: apa.sm.AgencyMeeting.PublicComment <AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: Website Contact Form - Military-grade weapons testing in a small NY town.

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Theresa Stamates

Contact the Agency

Entry Details

I am contacting the Adirondack Park Agency about	Agency Board Meeting Public Comment
Name	Theresa Stamates
Email	zephyr1188@gmail.com
If you are calling in, please list the phone number you will use.	
Subject	Military-grade weapons testing in a small NY town.
Message	My property is in a small town in the Adirondack Park. It is not Lewis, but of the same size. I moved here for health reason over 30 years ago to reduce stress. A military-grade weapons-testing neighbor would not reduce stress. Just say no. Thanks for listening, Theresa

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Thomas J LaBombard
Email from: tomlabom51@gmail.com
Address: 1778 Rt 22 Main St Keeseville NY 12944
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

When this proposal, about 15 miles from my home came to our attention, we decided to take a ride to visit the site and check out the surroundings. At first blush, the presence of the former Atlas missile site and the military looking (paramilitary really) site and the thought that the site was to be used for testing materiel produced at Watervliet Arsenal took my eye off the ball and I thought it might just be compatible. But as I looked into it further, the idea that the owner is a private person, and that the howitzer firing appeared to be of more undefined purpose had me thinking about it more. While the nearest residence as I read this is of sufficient distance to not be impacted by the noise significantly per the documents, Route 9 is only a short distance with traffic traversing the route potentially being impacted by the sudden "boom" of the howitzer. The wildlife exposure to the noise and the changes in their behavior cannot be ignored. The whole idea of this being compatible with the wildness of the surrounding area and the Adirondack Park as a whole is questionable. The private nature of the entire operation is questionable. Are they under contract with an armament company or is this just a casual joy ride for a group or is a more nefarious intent involved. The correspondence seems a bit vague to say the very least. To a degree I can be sympathetic to the old argument that you have a right to privacy on your own land, but to the degree that it impacts your neighbors one has to take interest as such. As an aside, it would behoove the Town of Lewis to consider a zoning ordinance and not rely on the APA for all their land use decisions, however this is where we are at this writing. Given all of these factors, I recommend that the APA Board reject this application and not give its approval. Surely a better use can be found for this land. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

From: Tom Bebee <tbebee@twcny.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:46 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: "Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger"

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Mr. Aldinger,

There are many common sense reasons that this project should NOT be allowed to move forward. I am sure there other people have articulated these more eloquently that I would be able to.

My objection to this project is based on the fact that there is small tract of land on the northwest flank of Big Church Mountain. The piece of land is found on the NYS DEC Taylor Pond Wild Forest East map. Just to the southwest of this parcel lies the eastern most portion of Jay Mountain Wilderness, which includes Mount Fay and Carson Mountain. Although it does not currently provide contiguous public access to the parcel near Big Church, I do not understand why it would be made part of Taylor Pond Wild Forest, unless there is some chance in the future Jay Mountain Wilderness could extend northeast towards Big Church Mountain. If that were to happen, Hale Hill road appears to run the north edge of this parcel and could be used as a trail head to venture west into Jay Mountain Wilderness.

Allowing this project to be approved would certainly be an obstacle to this expansion. It seems to me that testing missiles just on the other side of public land would be hazardous.

Please allow as much information as possible to be available and reviewed in making this decision. It is not only contrarian to the philosophy of how the Adirondack Park should be administered, but in my opinion will open the doors to other requests that will have even more dire impact.

Thank you.

Tom Bebee

tbebee@twcny.rr.com

25 Partridge Rd., Elizabethtown NY 12932

From: Troy Parla <troyparla22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:03 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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I am absolutely opposed to the granting of a permit for testing of a large weapon in an area designated as rural use.

We are losing the natural space at an alarming pace, and the Adirondack Park area is one of the areas that I can be proud of, as there was planning in the protection and existence of it.

"Private" citizens should not be allowed to have changes in zoning to operate military class weapons within it.

I do not like the slippery slope of allowing this, and then waiting to see what the next request would be. Nor do I like the idea of, quite simply, the unneeded noise which would surely affect wildlife unnecessarily.

This should be a 100% clear cut refusal on this permit request.

Troy Parla
502 County Route 14
Rensselaer Falls, NY 13680

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: walkinthewoods@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Virginia Marques
Email from: walkinthewoods@gmail.com
Address: 31 Lorraine Street Plattsburgh NY 12901
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am against opening the door for this sort of testing to occur. I understand at this point it's supposed to be 30 times, but what about next year. The APA stands for protection. They need to protect wildlife and a quality of life that this will forever disturb. Vote no.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Wanda Mae Oakes
Email from: Oakeswanda8@gmail.com
Address: 234 East Street apt. 63 Plainville Conn 06062
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

No way! The Adirondacks has been called God's country by anyone that has ever been there. The noise, the pollution, will definitely affect the people and the wildlife. The farms raising fruits and vegetables and the animals will be affected. The soil and water will be affected. Many older people live there the noise will bother them and / or make their hearing worse. Respiratory illnesses and other illnesses will increase. How will this benefit the area? What are the positive things about this proposal? How will this improve anything? Tourist will stop coming and retired people won't want to live here. What are the negatives about it? I lived in the area half my life. I went there in June of this year and if anything it has gone more downhill. People need jobs. People love the country, but they have to travel long ways just to get to work. Instead of a few people profiting from this let's work on something that will profit the community and build it up not down. Maybe Fort Ticonderoga will be a better place to do this. They already shoot cannons off there.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: amycfitts@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Amy Fitts
Email from: amycfitts@gmail.com
Address: NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

DO NOT POLLUTE OUR ADIRONDACKS WITH THIS TESTING. OUR COMMUNITY DOES NOT WANT THIS NOISE POLLUTION.

Amy Fitts

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Angela Dulac
Email from: angeladulac77@gmail.com
Address: Lewis 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please reject this request! My family lives in the Adirondacks because we treasure the quiet and beauty it provides. My granddaughter loves to be outside and play at my home in Lewis. Michael Hopmeier has already lied about the specifics of the recent helicopter drills in our area and got away with it. His attitude towards our community in the recent town meeting was disrespectful and appalling. If this project is approved, it will be setting a dangerous precedent. Please keep our home safe and protected from people who don't value our peace or way of life here. Money, arrogance, and a disregard for the community should not be tolerated.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Aran Voss-Hutchins
Email from: aranvh@gmail.com
Address: 374 Hulls Falls Road Keene NY 12942
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am adamantly against such a blatant misuse of a facility within the Adirondack Park. This will be detrimental to both wildlife and local tax paying citizens. If passed it will be clear that the APA holds neither in high regard.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bette Crowningshield
Email from: bette.crowningshield@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 569 Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am sending this message to let you know I am very much against allowing, Hale Hill Lane in Lewis NY, to be used as a firing range by Mr. Hopmeier. I honestly find it unbelievable that the APA would even consider this in "The Park". It goes against all that the Adirondack Park represents. Those who live in the park seem to be under more restrictions, like building homes to live in to raise a family, to metal roofing colors allowed within the blue line. This should not even be considered in my opinion.
Please do the right thing and say No to this project, it does not belong in the Adirondack Park.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Bob Bryar
Email from: Bbryar2019@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is do wrong. It implicates disreputation to wildlife, to peace & quiet, & compromises the protection of the Adirondacks.
This should absolutely be denied & rejected.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:10 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: sbrecken662@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Brecken Smith
Email from: sbrecken662@gmail.com
Address: 35 Sherman Rd, Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Don't do this. The area does not need this.
This is just plain ridiculous . It disturbs the quiet and quality of life of the area, and think of the land degradation it'd cause to create this instillation.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:12 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: carolynh466@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Carolyn Hoeschele
Email from: carolynh466@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I live in the Adirondacks and am against the firing of any howitzers in this park and natural area.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Carrie Lorenz
Email from: littlehaven98@gmail.com
Address: 491 east hill road Cooperstown NY 13326
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project impacts a much greater area than just the landowners property. Its unfortunate that Lewis lacks any zoning laws but I hope the APA will do its best to protect the peace of far-ranging neighbors, human as well as all of the other animals of the Adirondack forests. The shocking noise pollution, along with other potential pollutions should not be allowed within the park. Please please limit this activity.

From: Christopher Amato <conservationdirector@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:48 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Executivedirector@protectadks.org
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger
Attachments: Protect Comments on Hopmeier.pdf

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Please see the attached comments by Protect the Adirondacks on the above-referenced project.

Sincerely,

Christopher Amato
Conservation Director and Counsel
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October 30, 2025

Frederick Aldinger
Adirondack Park Agency
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Ray Brook, NY 12977

**Re: Michael Hopmeier
Unconventional Concepts, Inc.
Proposed Military Ballistic Testing Range
Hale Hill Lane, Town of Lewis, Essex County
APA Project 2021-0276**

Dear Mr. Aldinger:

Protect the Adirondacks (PROTECT) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the above-referenced application by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. ("UCI"), which seeks approval to construct and operate an artillery firing range on a 197-acre parcel of land classified as Rural Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map.

A military-grade artillery firing range that produces excessively loud noise has no place in the Adirondack Park. The proposed project involves the firing of a 155mm howitzer cannon—characterized by the Norwegian defense agency as “one of the noisiest weapons” in the Norwegian arsenal—up to 30 times per year over a five-year period. UCI proposes to fire this acoustically intrusive artillery in close proximity to scores of private residences, within 350 feet of the Taylor Pond Wild Forest, and in close proximity to the Jay Mountain Wilderness, and the Hurricane Mountain Wilderness. Incredibly, UCI proposes that Big Church Mountain be used as a “backstop” to capture artillery shells fired by the howitzer.

The application must be denied. As discussed below, the proposed project is directly at odds with the purpose of the Adirondack Park and is also inconsistent with the statutory purposes and policies applicable to Rural Use areas.

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Moreover, the application is significantly deficient in several respects: it fails to provide baseline ecological information about the project site necessary for a complete review of the project's environmental impacts; it mischaracterizes the natural resources present on the project site; its analysis of noise impacts from the firing of major artillery is incomplete and deeply flawed; and its claims of the project's economic benefits are unfounded and exaggerated.

Consequently, the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) should deny the application. At the very least, APA should hold an adjudicatory hearing on the significant and substantive issues raised regarding the numerous deficiencies in the application and the incompatibility of the project with the purposes and goals of the Adirondack Park.

The Proposed Project

As proposed, a portable 155mm howitzer will be fired from a 100-foot by 100-foot crushed gravel pad, sending steel projectiles into a target area. The firing range will be longer than three football fields (330 yards). The howitzer will be fired up to 30 times per year on weekdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. There may be as many as 10 hours of firings in a single week, and the testing is anticipated to continue for five years.

The project site is forested, includes streams and wetlands, and includes Little Church and Big Church mountains. The application states that the site has been chosen “because it provides easy access to mountains, *which will act as a projectile backstop,*” and that “[t]he current intent is that *test shots will impact the mountain at the end of the [firing] range.*” Application (“Applic.”) at 24; (emphasis added).

There are 42 residences located within two miles of the project site. The site is also located in close proximity to sensitive Forest Preserve lands, including the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area (approximately 2.5 miles away), and the Hurricane Mountain Wilderness Area (approximately 4 miles away). The project site is also within two miles of four parcels of the Taylor Pond Wild Forest, with the closest parcel adjoining the project site and located approximately 350 feet from the proposed artillery firing pad.

The Project is Inappropriate for the Adirondack Park

The siting of a military-grade artillery firing range is, on its face, inconsistent with the character of the Adirondack Park, which “is abundant in natural resources and open space unique to New York and the eastern United States.” Executive Law § 801. The proposed project is utterly out of character with “[t]he wild forest, water, wildlife and aesthetic resources of the park and its open space character.” *Id.* Furthermore, an artillery firing range does not “complement[] the forest preserve holdings” or provide “supporting facilities necessary to the proper use and enjoyment of the unique wild forest atmosphere of the park.” *Id.* Indeed, it is difficult to imagine a use more directly at odds with the Adirondack Park's wild forest atmosphere.

The inappropriateness of locating the proposed project within Park boundaries is underscored by the fact that a military-grade artillery firing range is not listed as either a primary or secondary compatible use for Rural Use (or for any land classification). *See* Executive Law § 805(3)(f)(4).

The proposed project is therefore a presumptively incompatible use for Rural Use areas. *Id.* § 805(3)(a).

Although the proposed project is styled as a “commercial use,” which is listed as a secondary compatible use in Rural Use areas, it is not a commercial use contemplated by the APA Act because it does not involve the sale or rental of goods, services or commodities and will not provide recreation facilities or activities. *See* Executive Law § 802(17) (defining “commercial use” as “any use involving the sale or rental or distribution of goods, services or commodities, either retail or wholesale, or the provision of recreation facilities or activities for a fee other than any such uses specifically listed on any of the classification of compatible uses lists.”). The proposed project should therefore not be considered compatible with a Rural Use area.

In any event, the incompatibility of the proposed project with the Rural Use classification is made clear by the APA Act. A Rural Use area is one “where natural resource limitations and public considerations necessitate fairly stringent development constraints . . . [and is] characterize[d] by substantial acreages of one or more of the following: fairly shallow soils, relatively severe slopes, significant ecotones, critical wildlife habitats, proximity to scenic vistas or key public lands.” Executive Law § 805(3)(f)(1). In addition, Rural Use areas “are characterized by a low level of development and variety of rural uses that are generally compatible with the protection of the relatively intolerant natural resources and the preservation of open space . . . [and] provide the essential open space atmosphere that characterizes the park.” *Id.* A weapon firing range involving the booming discharge of artillery shells into the side of a mountain will not protect natural resources and will destroy the open space atmosphere that is “essential and basic to the unique character of” the Adirondack Park. *Id.* § 805(3)(f)(2).

The Application is Deficient and Inaccurate

The application is seriously deficient because it lacks essential information regarding the site’s natural resources and project impacts. Specifically:

- No vernal pool survey: There is no evidence that a survey was conducted to identify vernal pools, which are critical seasonal habitats for amphibians and other sensitive species.
- No comprehensive natural resource inventory: The application does not include a thorough, on-site inventory to assess habitat quality, species presence, or other key ecological characteristics of the site. This is a particularly significant omission given that there are rare plant and animal species in proximity to the project site. *See* Applic. Attachment D at 10.
- No assessment of impacts on Wilderness areas: The application fails to acknowledge the proximity of the project site to the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area and Hurricane Mountain Wilderness Area, and does not address the project’s potential impacts to these sensitive protected areas.
- Inadequate forest cover data: While the application states that the site is forested, it fails to acknowledge that the area has experienced substantial timber harvesting, other than a passing reference to the property being enrolled in the Real Property Tax Law § 480-a

program. There is no information on the current extent of forest cover or how many trees are expected to be removed during development.

Without these baseline data, APA cannot fully, accurately, or lawfully assess the environmental impacts of the proposed project, as required by the Adirondack Park Agency Act and its implementing regulations.

In addition, the application contains internally inconsistent, inaccurate and misleading claims. For example, UCI repeatedly claims that there are no ponds, permanent or intermittent streams or wetlands on the project site. *See* Applic. at 6, 17, 24. However, its own Environmental Resource Map shows ponds, wetlands and streams on the project site. Applic. Attachment D at 3 and 4. UCI also claims that clearing will consist only of brushing and removal of a “limited” (unspecified) number of trees. However, the application’s aerial photograph shows the firing range to be completely forested. Applic. Attachment L. This underscores the unreliability of the natural resource information provided by the applicant.

UCI also claims in one part of the application that it has no plans to expand its operations over the next five years. Applic. at 4. Yet elsewhere UCI states that the proposed project “is part of an ongoing strategic plan at UCI’s ADK facility to build and expand . . . a wide array of research and development programs including environmental research, telecommunications, and national security.” Applic. at 27-28. UCI’s future plans for the site must be included as part of this application to avoid impermissible segmentation of APA’s environmental review.

Finally, UCI misrepresents the economic benefits of the project, claiming that it will result in “hiring of personnel with advanced technical and research backgrounds” who will “contribute to the local and regional economy.” Applic. at 27. But this claim is at odds with UCI’s statement that operations at the site will be limited to 30 hours per year, and that the project will create no construction jobs and no full-time or part-time seasonal or year-round employment. Applic. at 5. Thus, there appear to be no economic benefits to the community from this project.

The Applicant Has Failed to Provide Requested Information

UCI has failed to provide information requested by APA staff, including:

- A revised noise source level at or in proximity to the howitzer muzzle noise source (not 820 feet away);
- Empirical sound pressure level calculations for each of the receptor locations and an impact assessment utilizing those calculations;
- A revised noise impact analysis that includes varying wind direction and speed and atmospheric inversions; and
- The maximum charge for the artillery that will be fired.

Without this information, APA cannot conduct the comprehensive review mandated by law.

The Noise Analysis is Flawed and Demonstrates Unacceptable Impacts

UCI has submitted a study that purports to characterize the noise impacts from the proposed artillery firing range. Bowman Consulting, Sound Study (Nov. 2024) (“Sound Study”). The Sound Study is deeply flawed because it is based on inadequate ambient noise monitoring and—as UCI itself concedes—the study’s assumptions and results have changed multiple times during the application process. But even the flawed study shows that the noise impacts from the project will be significant and severe enough to require denial of the application.

A. The Sound Study is Flawed

The Sound Study’s evaluation of noise impacts is based on comparing anticipated noise levels from the firing of a 150mm howitzer with existing ambient noise levels measured at five locations. However, ambient noise monitoring was conducted for only two days under atypical conditions and at locations influenced by nearby industrial, highway and snowmobile noise—thereby severely understating the true impacts.

Ambient noise monitoring was conducted on two consecutive days in December (December 20 and 21, 2022). Five monitoring locations were utilized: M1 (a residential receptor more than a mile from the firing site); M2 (a residential receptor approximately two miles from the firing site); M3 (a location next to NYS Route 9); M4 (a location in the Taylor Pond Wild Forest approximately one mile from the firing site); and M5 (a location in the Taylor Pond Wild Forest 510 feet from the firing site). Sound Study at 2-6; Figure 3.

However, the monitoring locations chosen and the limited duration of the monitoring cause the project’s noise impacts to be underestimated. The M1 residential receptor is located close to the Pulsifer Mill; the M2 residential receptor is close to the NYCO mine; and M3 is located along NYS Route 9. Sound Study, Figure 3. Thus, the ambient noise levels at these three receptors are elevated by existing industrial activity and truck traffic and are not representative of the quieter ambient noise levels that prevail in this rural and largely undeveloped region.

The M4 and M5 Wild Forest receptors are similarly unrepresentative because the monitoring occurred on two days in December immediately following a large snowfall and, as the Sound Study acknowledges, were affected by noise from snowmobiles. Sound Study at 5-6. This is confirmed by the fact that the ambient noise levels monitored at the M4 and M5 receptors were, with one exception, several decibels above the 35 dB level that the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) reports for wilderness areas. *See* Sound Study, Tables 4b, 4c at 13; DEC Program Policy DEP-00-1, Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts (2001) (“DEC Noise Policy”) at 20.

Because the ambient sound levels were gathered from locations with uncharacteristically higher noise levels, the assessment of noise impacts from the firing range is skewed downward. Collecting ambient noise data from areas more representative of the relatively quiet environment in that area would demonstrate that the noise from a howitzer firing will be highly intrusive. Thus, the Sound Study underestimates the project’s noise impacts and its conclusion that those impacts will not be significant is based on cherry-picked, unrepresentative ambient conditions.

The unreliability of the Sound Study is further underscored by the constantly shifting information submitted about the project's noise impacts. For example, UCI has variously identified the noise level from the firing of the howitzer as 166.1 dB, 176 dB, 180 dB, 180.8 dB, 183 dB and 185 dB—discrepancies which UCI concedes. *See* UCI's Response to 5th NIPA, dated June 9, 2025, at 2. UCI has also repeatedly changed the distance from the firing source to the modeled receptors, with the changes ranging from 1,815 feet to 5,955 feet for M1; from 3,025 feet to 9,925 feet for M2; from 2,355 feet to 7,726 feet for M3; from 1,496 feet to 5,200 feet for M4; and from 169 feet to 554 for M5. *Id.* at 3. The calculated sound pressure levels have also altered significantly, from 67 dB(A) to 90 dB(A) for M1; from 71 dB(A) to 85.6 dB(A) for M2; from 73 dB(A) to 87.8 dB(A) for M3; from 79 dB(A) to 91.7 dB(A) for M4; and from 100 dB(A) to 110.7 dB(A) for M5. *See* UCI's Response to 5th NIPA, dated June 9, 2025, at 6. In sum, UCI's noise impact analysis is a moving target, and the constantly changing information submitted provides APA with no rational basis for evaluating the project's noise impacts.

In addition, UCI's attempt to claim reductions in noise impacts from the purported construction of a "sound mitigation berm" is unsupported. UCI initially stated that "[t]he location of the Firing Pad is [the sole] mitigation measure" because "[t]here are no other practicable means to mitigate noise from a noise source such as the one being tested." UCI's First Response to 4th NIPA, dated July 31, 2023, at 5. UCI subsequently changed course, claiming that a sound mitigation berm would be constructed, but no plans or specifications for such a berm have been submitted. UCI's Second Response to 4th NIPA, dated December 14, 2023, at 1. Moreover, given the applicant's initial admission, plus basic common sense that a 13-foot high dirt berm on one side of the firing range and at a lower elevation than the firing pad cannot fully muffle the noise from firing a 155mm howitzer cannon, the sound mitigation berm is not realistic mitigation. Consequently, the lower noise impact values in the Sound Study that assume the presence of a sound mitigation berm are unsupported and should be disregarded.

Finally, the Sound Study is fatally flawed because it fails to assess the noise impacts to either the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area, which is approximately 2.5 miles from the firing range, or the Hurricane Mountain Wilderness Area, which is approximately 4 miles away. UCI offers no explanation or justification for ignoring noise impacts to these highly sensitive areas.

B. The Sound Study Shows Unacceptable Noise Impacts

Putting aside the Sound Study's significant errors and omissions, even that flawed analysis shows that the project's noise impacts are significant and unacceptable. The Sound Study characterizes the blast from firing the howitzer as an "impulse" sound, a noise source that DEC characterizes as "very annoying." Sound Study at 12; DEC Noise Policy at 11. Furthermore, the Sound Study assumes that the noise from firing the 150mm howitzer will be 180.8 decibels (dB) at the source. *Applic.* at 28; Sound Study at 6. This is well above the 130 dB level that DEC characterizes as "painfully loud." DEC Noise Policy at 19.

Moreover, the increase in noise levels from firing the howitzer—even based on UCI's skewed ambient monitoring data—are well outside levels deemed acceptable by the DEC Noise Policy. For example, the Sound Study shows the increase in noise levels at the M5 Wild Forest receptor

will range from 22.5 to 25 dB, an increase that DEC characterizes as “very objectionable to intolerable.” Sound Study Tables 4b and 4c at 10; DEC Noise Policy at 15.

In addition, the noise level at both the M5 receptor and the closest portion of the Taylor Pond Wild Forest is modeled to range from 124 dB to 127 dB (even with the phantom sound mitigation berm)—slightly below the 130 dB level deemed by DEC to be “painfully loud.” Without the berm, the noise levels range from 130 dB to 132 dB, both above DEC’s “painfully loud” threshold. *See* UCI’s Response to 5th NIPA, dated June 9, 2025, at 14; DEC Noise Policy at 19. Thus, the project’s noise impacts to Forest Preserve lands are significant and unacceptable.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, PROTECT respectfully urges APA to deny UCI’s application. In the alternative, APA should hold an adjudicatory hearing to address the numerous deficiencies in the application and the incompatibility of the project with the purposes and goals of the Adirondack Park. These steps are essential to ensuring that APA fulfills its statutory mandate to protect the natural resources of the Adirondack Park.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of PROTECT, please accept our gratitude for the opportunity to share our comments on this conceptual design.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Amato", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Amato
Conservation Director and Counsel

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Good Evening,
, I would vote no on the proposed testing range.
Fort Drum has firing ranges for howitzers. In fact, one of the largest on the East Coast.
It is called Range 48 which is used for howitzer training and live fire exercises.
I see no reason why a government contractor specializing in the ballistics of howitzer barrels could not use the fort's Adirondack Joint Range.

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Oct 30th 2025

Dear APA review board:

This note is to voice concern over the recent application "Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger."

I urge to aggressively deny this application based on the grounds that testing of military hardware is completely inconsistent with the charge of the APA. Further, The Adirondack Park is a preserve, a place of unbounded beauty and abundant wildlife. Ballistic testing is completely at odds with Park spirit not to mention pollution (sounds and environmental) standards and the Forever Wild spirit. I frankly cannot think of a less desirable location for military ballistics testing than the Adirondack Park.

Thanks you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposal very clearly goes against both the spirit and the technical reality of Forever Wild. The noise pollution is an unnecessary trauma to all life in the region.

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Comments from: Daniel Yokum
Email from: Yokumdaniel2@gmail.com
Address: 31 Lorraine Plattsburgh NY 12901
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Weapons testing within the APA goes against the whole reason it was created in the first place. The whole idea reads like an inroad into a much bigger operation, always pushing against the limits of what is allowed.

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Address: 113 Johnson Ln Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

When I was notified of this project and the Appeal of Staff Request for Additional Information (05-07-24), I never dreamed you would seriously consider approving this project. To my shock and dismay, you now seem to actually be poised to approve it! Establishing a weapons test range in Lewis, or anywhere in Adirondack State Park, would be diametrically opposed to everything I treasure about the Adirondacks - especially the peace and quiet, the escape from the rat race of everyday urban living, that the park and its small rural communities offers. I own property on a hill in Lewis and can hear the siren of the volunteer fire department from two miles distant. There is no way that the firing of a howitzer on land in Lewis would not be heard for many miles in all directions. The sound would assuredly travel up the hill towards my property, as does sound currently from the village below. A howitzer test facility should be situated in completely empty land many miles from any residences or businesses, such as in the vast open lands in much of northeastern Nevada. It does not belong in Lewis or anywhere in the Adirondacks, and I urge you to deny this application as incompatible with the community and the greater area. Thank you.

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Address: 107 Longkill Road Ballston Lake NY 12019
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Dear APA,

Despite 5 Notices of Incomplete application over 5 years, clear, precise information as to the location of the cannon firing the projectiles, and the precise distance from that fixed point to sensitive source receptors on private and public land remains uncertain and shifting. Given the estimated decibels likely to reach these receptors and their well documented (from elsewhere) damaging impacts on glass windows (and much else), the Agency should find that the project would have undue adverse impacts. To do so, an adjudicatory hearing must be called with the opportunity to present expert testimony and to cross-examine witnesses.

Sincerely,
David Gibson, Managing Partner
Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve

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Email from: dlarsen1661@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Mr. Aldinger-

I am writing in support of the proposed activity. Having read the documents, in particular the Norfolk-Beier letter of 2/29/2024, I feel that reasonable measures are proposed for public notification and project safety in connection with the proposed activity. Impacts such as noise, however brief, are seldom welcomed but often come with the territory....when that territory encompasses research and testing that is important to moving our defense projects forward.

I can appreciate the responsibility those that oversee Adirondack Park must feel. However, the proposed test firings will cumulatively last a few moments, and after those moments have passed, Adirondack Park will revert to the same peaceful place it is presently. I do not foresee any lasting adverse impacts from the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

-David Larsen
USACE (retired)

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Deborah Dysart Gale

October 29, 2025

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Ref: APA Project ID 2021-0276, Proposed Weapons Range

Dear Mr. Aldinger

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the above-noted proposal. We are small business owners in the area, supporting the tourist industry and paying taxes.

We note the comments made by Town Supervisor James Monty in his memo dated April 4, 2022. In it, Supervisor Monty speaks highly of Mr. Hopmeier, the entrepreneur seeking approval of his plans for a weapons testing facility in Lewis. Mr. Monty also makes a strong case for the safety of Mr. Hopmeier's proposed undertaking. We believe that this is an important memo, as it appears to articulate the grounds for the Town's willingness to approve the proposal. However, we question the factual basis of several of the crucial claims made in the memo.

Firstly, Mr. Monty's memo claims that there will be "no hazardous material at all, only propellant (gun powder) which will be fully combusted." Gun powder is no longer used as a propellant for howitzer shells, having been replaced in common practice by other propellants (1). According to the Environmental Protection Agency, M6, not gun powder, is the propellant used for howitzers. M6 is composed of 87% nitrocellulose, an explosive, and various stabilizers and plasticizers. These stabilizers deteriorate over time and must be assiduously monitored, stored and handled (2). In 2012, improperly stored M6 caused a massive explosion at Camp Minden, LA that pushed houses off their foundations and broke windows in a four-mile radius of the explosion (2). A class action suit by the affected neighbors was hampered when the private company responsible for the improperly handled propellant filed for bankruptcy (3). There is no description in Mr. Monty's memo, or in the proposal itself, for how the propellant for the 100 lb. ordinance (the average weight of a 155 howitzer round) will be stored, protocols devised for preventing accidental discharge, nor of the qualifications of the persons who will be responsible for handling it.

Secondly, the memo asserts that "Decibel levels are anticipated to be well below those of other noise sources (such as chain saws or hunting rifles)". Other sources cite the average noise level of a rifle shot is 150-60 dB, and chain saw is 106-120 dB (4), while a 155 mm howitzer round, measured at firing source, is an average of 180 dB (5), a number also cited in Mr.

Hopmeier's application of 2021. According to these sources, howitzer noise is thus 10-40% higher than that of chain saws and rifles, and as per the proposal, will last for four to six hours, considerably longer in duration.

Finally, should there be complaints from the community, Mr. Monty asserts that the town office "will act as an ombudsman to attempt resolution." Given the potential magnitude of such grievances as evidenced by the Camp Minden disaster (e.g., damage to structures, pollution of well water, sequelae of misfires, including range fires and injuries), the town ombudsman is an inadequate means for addressing any obligations from environmental, personal or property damage arising from Mr. Hopmeier's activities. Neither Mr. Monty's memo nor Mr. Hopmeier's proposal address how such civil and legal obligations will be discharged in the event of bankruptcy. In light of the unusually high potential (and high cost) for individual and community loss, ranging from lifestyle, to property, to physical injury and death from misadventure, we believe the Town Council must assure that Mr. Hopmeier's financial obligations do not ultimately become the responsibility of the Town of Lewis.

We believe that the potential for danger, damage and financial jeopardy to the entire community far outweighs the personal benefit to Mr. Hopmeier and the workers who are purportedly willing to relocate their spouses and children to an area where these serious questions remain unanswered. Until accurate answers--and appropriate environmental, financial and health safeguards--are secured, we must add our voice to the vast majority of our neighbors opposing this proposal.

Thank you for your attention
David Dysart
Deborah Dysart-Gale

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My Comments:

I appeal to you to deny this proposal. It is completely outrageous to permit this level of weapons testing in the Park. This testing benefits one individual. One individual. The applicant who stands to benefit financially from this contract. It has absolutely no upside for local residents, including the wildlife. Approval of this project sets a precedent for possible future proposals in the future. I respect the rights of property owners but I'm a property owner too. When you own property in the Park, or in any town with ordinances and regulations, you're subject to those rules and your neighbors throughout the town/Park should be able to rely on those regulations to safeguard their quality of life. Please, please, please do the right thing and deny this proposal.

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My Comments:

No no no... this is everything our protected land is against. We have this land for nature- birds, bears, foxes, wolves etc!! The noise and pollutants associated would be very negative to wildlife, along with humans. Please we have protected land for reasons. Just because time goes by it does not mean the thought behind why land is protected should fall off.

Please NO!

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: DIANA KELLEY
Email from: daisy.northland@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This project is the opposite of "forever wild" which defines the Adirondack Park.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: miller12932@yahoo.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Donald S Miller II
Email from: miller12932@yahoo.com
Address: 8091 US Route 9 Lewis New York 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have lived in Lewis since 1977 and remember NYCO mining the mountain just north of Lewis. Never do I remember residents complaining about blasts coming from them all the time. So now what is the difference now?

From: Elizabeth Kochar <adkgram@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:40 PM
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Subject: Project 2021-0276

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I am against this project because I do not want there to be any military testing in the Adirondack Park which is supposed to be "forever wild." So when a private entrepreneur wants to build a building for the purpose of testing military equipment and gunfire I am against the project. I'm thinking of the environment and of the noise disturbance to residents in the area or passing through. The project has the potential of setting a precedent for other countries to do likewise. The APA should not be allowing the project to move forward. Just entertaining the idea goes against the idea of peace, which I thought would be what APA espouses. Please don't encourage this kind of development.

Sincerely, and thanking you for considering my opinion, Elizabeth Kochar
40 Petrova Ave.
Saranac Lake, NY 12983
916-990-1843

"We are all just walking each other home." - Ram Dass

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Elizabeth Rogers
Email from: labrdors@gmail.com
Address: 58 Old Hawkeye Road AuSable Forks New York 12912
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to APA approval of this project. I feel strongly that Lewis, N.Y. is not the appropriate site for weapons testing. Fort Drum, in Watertown, N.Y. has available grounds for exactly this sort of exercise. Preservation of the wilderness in the Adirondack Park should be a priority of the Adirondack Park Agency and this project does not contribute to that effort in any way. This project would have a strong negative effect on residents as well as wildlife of the area.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Elizabeth Weissman
Email from: Pisica.hatoul@gmail.com
Address: 130 Muzzey Rd NY 12953
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

No firing range in Jay

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Elizabeth Yokum
Email from: adkconnections@charter.net
Address: NY 12901
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The sounds of weapons would be detrimental to the wildlife near the area. I am strongly opposed this plan.

From: Emily Abruzzi <emilyabruzzi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:59 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: 2021-0276 proposed weapons range testing

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Hello,

Please don't let this happen inside the park! I live in a nearby town and work with young families in Lewis. The disruption that this proposal would bring, to neighbors, wildlife and people who come to this area to experience our incredible natural world... it will change everything. This is not who we are.

Sincerely,
Emily Abruzzi

From: Eric Schultz <e.schultz89@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:17 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Schultz
Lewis, NY

From: apa.sm.contact
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:05 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Fw: Website Contact Form - NOTICE OF DEMAND

From: Eric Schultz <notifications@cognitoforms.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:41 PM
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Eric Schultz

Contact the Agency

Entry Details

I AM CONTACTING THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY ABOUT	Other
NAME	Eric Schultz
EMAIL	e.schultz89@gmail.com
SUBJECT	NOTICE OF DEMAND
MESSAGE	To whom it may Concern: This email shall serve as Notice to you that IF you approve project 2021-0276 from applicant: Michael Hopmeier, you will be receiving a Notice to Cease and Desist from the illegal actions in the approval of said project. I demand that you take immediate action and deny aforementioned project from the above applicant. Notice to agent is notice to principal, notice to principal is notice to agent. Signed, Eric Schultz

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: George William Runkle IV Email from: gwrunkleiv@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My concern with this is that there's no indication in this notice that a fuel artillery master gunner has checked the surface danger zones for this type of ammunition. The surface danger zone is the area where the probability of being hit by shrapnel is based on the weapon firing properly and if the weapon does not function properly. If a US Army or US Marine Corps, trained artillery master, gunner has not looked at the plot of land and check the surface danger zones then I do not think this should be approved.

Also, 197 acres is incredibly small area for an artillery around that can travel up to 12 miles. The public deserves to know what type of artillery round is being used or if he intends to make it himself?

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Harold Caldwell
Email from: hvd Caldwell@gmail.com
Address: 110 Water Street Elizabethtown New York 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

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Harold Caldwell

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Thank you for your consideration.

Harold Caldwell
Elizabethtown, NY

Harry Caldwell
Art Educator & Ceramic Artist
(He/His/Him)
(518) 791-9786

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Heather Lamb
Email from: Heatherlamb@verizon.net
Address: Essex NY 12836
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Opposed.

Please investigate the toxic effects of ordnance waste seeping into the water tables. I urge the APA to reject their application. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Henry J Kennedy
Email from: hkennedy280@gmail.com
Address: 2249 Lake Shore Road Essex NY 12936
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am a resident of Essex, the town next to Lewis. Allowing the construction of a military style testing ground in the ADK is unacceptable and permission should be denied. The Park, as envisioned by its founders, and those who followed, was to be "forever wild." Permitting the building of a base and allowing projectiles to be fired into the side of a mountain is contrary to that. Although I can appreciate the need for testing, that can be done at a more suitable site, perhaps on a military base designed for that type of activity. I strongly oppose this application.
Henry Kennedy

From: Ines Chapela <ineschapela@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:32 AM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ines Chapela
Westport, NY

From: Jackie Bowen <JBowen@AdirondackCouncil.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:24 PM
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Subject: Adirondack Council Comments for P2021-0276
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Hello,

Attached are the Adirondack Council's comments for the Hopmeier Project, P2021-0276.

Thank you,

Jackie

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Jackie Bowen (she/her)
Director of Conservation

Cell: 518.429.9417

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Frederick Aldinger
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977
(via electronic submission)

RE: Hopmeier Project (P2021-0276)

Dear Environmental Program Specialist Aldinger,

On behalf of the Adirondack Council, thank you for the opportunity to comment on application P2021-0276 proposing ballistics testing on Rural Use lands in the Town of Lewis. We respectfully request that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) (1) hold a full adjudicatory hearing on this application and (2) carefully evaluate whether the project meets the statutory mandates of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act).

Project Overview

The project proposes to install a 100-foot by 100-foot crushed-gravel firing pad on 197 acres of Rural Use lands within the Adirondack Park. From this pad, a portable 155 mm howitzer barrel assembly would be fired up to 30 times per year on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The applicant proposes to fire steel projectiles into a target area; no explosives will be used.

Adirondack Park Agency Act

Incompatible Use. Under Section 809 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act), the Agency may issue a permit for a “use” on private lands within the Park if is consistent with the Agency’s classification system, the Act’s purposes, and the APA’s rules.

According to the Act, Rural Use (RU) lands are intended to¹:

- Encourage low-density, resource-compatible rural development.
- Preserve open space and scenic qualities.
- Prevent strip development and maintain the Park’s aesthetic and ecological character.

The applicant seeks a Commercial Use permit to conduct 155 mm howitzers testing on these more sensitive lands. Commercial Uses in RUs are considered secondary compatible uses in RU, meaning they must



¹ New York (State). Executive Law. Chapter 18, Article 27, “Adirondack Park Agency”. L 1971, c 706; L 1973, c 348. Available from: https://newyork.public.law/laws/n.y._executive_law_article_27

support the property's primary purpose. Here, the property's existing primary uses are logging and a hunting/vacation cabin. Ballistics testing does not appear to support those primary uses. Furthermore, **the APA Act does not identify military or ballistics testing as a compatible private-land use within the Park. Accordingly, the proposed use is incompatible with the Rural Use classification.**

Undue Adverse Environmental Impacts. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed use will not cause undue adverse environmental impacts to Park resources, recreation, quiet, wildlife, or nearby communities. Given the unusual nature of the activity, the burden is high.

Because approval of a novel commercial testing use could set precedent, the APA should proceed with particular care. Authorizing one such facility without stringent safeguards may invite additional testing proposals elsewhere in the Park.

Need for an Adjudicatory Hearing. APA regulations support an adjudicatory hearing when: (i) an application does not meet specific standards; (ii) additional information is needed to support the record; or (iii) a significant change to the proposed use or permit conditions appears necessary. For this project, at least two criteria are met: the record requires additional, independent information (outlined below), and the proposal does not meet the legal criteria for approval.

An adjudicatory hearing would allow the applicant, Agency staff, expert witnesses, and the public to present and test evidence in a transparent forum, strengthening the record and the ultimate decision. We therefore urge the Board to advance P2021-0276 to adjudicatory hearing.

Sound Analysis Concerns

At the Agency's request, the applicant submitted a sound analysis to assess impulse noise from the 155 mm howitzer. We note the following issues:

In the permit application, the Adirondack Park Agency requested that the applicant provide a sound analysis to assess the impulse sounds of the 155 mm howitzer. The Council raises the following concerns about the analysis:

- The applicant's analysis relies on a ~20-year-old Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (NDRE) study, with unclear landscape and environmental conditions (temperature, vegetation, wind, ambient noise, humidity, device angle)—factors that meaningfully affect sound propagation.
- Despite these unknowns, the applicant modeled source levels using a 130.5 dB measurement from the NDRE study to calculate a modeled source level of 180.8 dB for an M109 155 mm howitzer. However, source-to-receiver distances in the NDRE study differ from the ~675-foot distance between the proposed barrel assembly and target area here, undermining comparability.
- Field measurements were conducted on only two days, one day apart, in late December. The applicant indicates testing would not occur in colder temperatures; yet winter conditions (including snow cover) can alter sound propagation relative to leaf-on conditions.
- The applicant presents five different peak levels for howitzer fire (reported range: 166–185 dB), reflecting substantial variability. While frequency content (Hz) influences perceived impact and

risk, very high impulse levels can cause immediate hearing damage without adequate controls. The variability and gaps in the record warrant independent review.²

The modeling and monitoring proposals should be reviewed by independent acoustical experts, with attention to impulse noise, reverberation, vegetation-buffer attenuation, and the impacts of infrequent but extremely loud events.

Given the Park's extensive wild lands, sensitive habitats, and communities accustomed to natural quiet, a ballistic testing range—even limited to steel projectiles and weekday hours—may conflict with core Park values.

Environmental & Additional Concerns

Contaminants. The application states no toxic waste or contaminants will be produced. However, the record lacks detail on the propellants to be used. Howitzers commonly use nitrocellulose-based propellants; their composition, stability additives, handling, and residue management are relevant to potential air, soil, and water impacts.³ The Agency should require full disclosure of propellant types and quantities, emission pathways, and mitigation measures, and evaluate potential effects on plant health and human respiratory health.^{4,5}

Natural Resource Inventory. The applicant did not provide a narrative overview of the project site's natural resource characteristics. Instead, a set of maps was submitted—some of which were difficult to read and interpret. Without a clear written summary, members of the public cannot adequately or transparently assess the project's potential environmental impacts. A comprehensive narrative overview should therefore accompany the mapping materials to ensure full understanding of the site's ecological context.

Vibrations and Low-Frequency Effects. The proposal involves launching and landing projectiles into a natural hillside. Low-frequency components from gunfire and impact events can travel long distances, potentially causing structural rattles and perceptible vibration.⁶ The Agency should examine vibrational impacts to landscape stability, nearby structures, and wildlife (including fish species).

Visual Analysis. For many private land development projects—such as solar installations and mining operations—visual analyses are conducted to evaluate potential impacts on nearby landowners and recreators using adjacent public lands. Given the unusual nature of this proposal, a similar visual impact assessment should be required to determine whether the project could affect scenic views or the visual experience of those at higher elevations, including visitors to the Jay Mountain Wilderness.

² Hearing Conservation website. *Decibel (Loudness) Comparison Chart* [Internet]. [cited 2025 Oct 30]. Available from: <https://www.hearingconservation.org/assets/Decibel.pdf>

³ Heliyon. 2024 Dec 17;11(1):e41282. doi: [10.1016/j.heliyon.2024.e41282](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2024.e41282)

⁴ Skalny AV, Aschner M, Bobrovitsky IP, et al. Environmental and health hazards of military metal pollution. *Environmental Research*. 2021;201:111568. doi:10.1016/j.envres.2021.111568

⁵ Diaz E, Brochu S, Poulin I, Faucher D, Marois A, Gagnon A. Residual dinitrotoluenes from open burning of gun propellant. Washington (DC): US Environmental Protection Agency; 2011 [cited 2025 Oct 30]. Available from: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-03/documents/9546029.pdf>

⁶ Ministry of Defence, Finland. Environmental Review of Heavy Weapons Project (EPHW_FINAL_(003)). Helsinki: Ministry of Defence; [cited 2025 Oct 30]. Available from: [https://www.defmin.fi/files/4739/EPHW_FINAL_\(003\).pdf](https://www.defmin.fi/files/4739/EPHW_FINAL_(003).pdf)

Additional Questions

- What charge levels (e.g., 5 vs. 7) will be used for the howitzer? Charge selection directly affects impulse levels.
- How will the project protect adjacent recreational uses (hunting, hiking, mountain biking) and preserve the sense of remoteness valued by residents and visitors?

Requested Actions

Accordingly, the Adirondack Council respectfully requests that the Adirondack Park Agency:

1. **Schedule and hold an adjudicatory hearing** for Project No. 2021-0276 to allow full consideration of the record, expert testimony, public interest, and cross-examination of evidence (including noise/impulse modeling, wildlife impacts, public health/safety, buffers, monitoring plans).
2. **Evaluate conformity of the proposed use with the “Rural Use” classification**, the APA Act’s purposes, and the protection of the wild, natural, scenic and recreational values of the Adirondack Park.

Conclusion

The Adirondack Council recognizes that Commercial Uses are appropriate in the Adirondack Park when they fully conform to the APA Act’s rigorous standards and do not undermine the landscape, natural resources, wild character, or public recreation values that define the Park. This proposed ballistic testing facility on Rural Use lands—firing projectiles up to 30 times per year—presents unique risks and potential impacts that warrant the highest level of scrutiny.

We therefore urge the Agency to advance this application to a full adjudicatory hearing to ensure a complete and robust record to safeguard the Adirondack Park for current and future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please acknowledge receipt of this submission and notify us of any hearings or decisions.

Sincerely,



Jackie Bowen
Director of Conservation

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: James Christian
Email from: shannonchristian75@gmail.com
Address: 151 Fitzgerald Rd Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I have a seasonal campsite in Lewis. The rapid gunfire was very upsetting to my dogs, we go to camp to relax not to listen to gun fire all day not to mention the helicopters that were flying at night waken my grandkids up. How safe is this for the wildlife and to the environment. How loud is cannon going to be. We live in the Adirondack Park something like this should never be allowed.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: James Porter
Email from: porterhowse24@gmail.com
Address: 329 Wells Hill Rd Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My wife and myself strongly feel as though a weapons testing facility in Lewis is an egregious missuse of our town. The property has no advantage for testing purposes, especially placed so close to other residences. Considering weaponry like that can reach lethal distances into the dozens of miles; How can we feel safe only being a mile or so away from the site? What sort of impact would firing, and then landing huge shells like that have on the local environment, wildlife, and character of the town. I know we arent some sort of tourist hub or anything; But the chances of attracting new young families goes down significantly if they find out we are a weapons testing ground. From the perspective of the APA, I'm surprised you would even entertain this, considering there is countless miles of uninhabited property outside of the par. There are so many spots they could easily provide and use instead. Places so remote and devoid of potential danger that it wouldn't affect anyone. Really though, what possible benefit to anyone is there to testing large scale munitions, in the center of a sleepy mountain town, in the Adirondacks. For my family, myself, and my neighbors I see nothing positive coming out of this proposal. I only see anxiety, frustration, and the one inevitable future misfire that vaporizes a family home and permanently scars the forested landscape.

From: Jason Fiegl <adkdonkey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:21 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Adk noise pollution

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Dear APA,

I am writing to oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant Michael Hopmieier until further information is gathered.

Please do the correct research to understand the consequences of the loud discharge of weapons on the environment, wildlife, and residents of the Adirondacks. Hopefully, a regulatory agreement can be reached to protect the landowner's rights and also take into account the well fare of the residents living in the area and the natural world surrounding the test site.

Thank you,

Jason Fiegl

Essex, NY

Sent from my iPhone

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: Jenniebusch63@gmail.com
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Jennie Busch
Email from: Jenniebusch63@gmail.com
Address: 721 Elm Street New York 13619
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This proposal will significantly degrade the value and beauty of the Adirondack Park, one of the most majestic and pristine parks in the U.S. It will also set a precedent of approving future similar proposals that will further threaten the integrity of the park.

With so many National Parks and wilderness areas under threat, we MUST do our part to protect and preserve our natural areas for the health of our planet now and for generations to come. Please do not approve this proposal!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:32 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Joan Walder
Email from: saranac2@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed weapons testing in Lewis on the Hopmeier property. These powerful weapons will cause disruptions to the Adirondack wildlife and unnecessary stress and noise to the residents of the Adirondacks. I implore you to remember why the Adirondack park was established and its mission to keep it forever wild. The residents of the park have chosen to live here in order to experience the peace of that wilderness and to support the wildlife within the park. I believe this proposal goes directly against the intentions of a designated wilderness for MANY to enjoy. Mr. Hopmeier may own property in the park and as such deserves some autonomy with its use, however, his home residence is in Virginia. I believe permission to test weapons in the Adirondacks is far too invasive and will have lasting effects on the environment, the residents and the wilderness itself. It should never, never be permitted. The APA must adhere to its mission to protect the public and private resources of the park not for one individual to benefit financially (who by the way, lives elsewhere). What will Mr. Hopmeier be paid for this land use and by whom? I believe this is a very serious issue and I hope that the APA decides to protect the rights of the many residents, the wildlife, the pristine. APA, YOU MUST DECIDE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL!!!!!!!

From: Jordan Potter <jrpotter91@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:29 PM
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Subject: Public Comment in regard to the Michael Hopmeier Weapons Range Project

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Applicant/Project Title:

Michael Hopmeier

APA Project ID:

2021-0276

APA contact:

Frederick Aldinger

APA email address for this project:

RPcomments@apa.ny.gov

My name:

Jordan Potter

My email:

jrpotter91@gmail.com

My address:

43 Red Fox Dr

Jay, New York 12941

(I attempted to submit this comment via the online portal, but received an error message upon submitting the form. Therefore, I am submitting it directly by email instead. I apologize for any inconvenience, but trust you understand.)

My comments:

I have lived in Essex County for over ten years now, and before that, as a child, I spent my summers here. For the entirety of my life, the natural environment of the Adirondack Park has enriched me and taught me.

We are blessed to live in a truly special place, where nature is alive and present. Few are so lucky. For hunters, that nature offers sustenance; for recreationists, it offers wellness and escape. Everyone who chooses to make this Park their home reaps the benefits that its unique environment offers. But so too does everyone who lives here share in a responsibility to keep that environment strong.

It is for this reason that this proposed weapons range would be a grave mistake. Any project that disrupts the natural environment here erodes what makes this land so special. Every project that disrupts the natural environment must be considered carefully, and accepted only if absolutely necessary.

This range is not necessary. It could exist anywhere. Why then, should it exist here, at the detriment of our most valuable and precious resource?

Jordan Potter



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From: kailer smith <kailer.smith@boquetvalleycsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:49 AM
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Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kailer smith
Westport New York

From: Kathy Linker <sneezebeez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:33 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I live in Deerhead. My neighbor, owner of the Battlelab at the missile silo in Lewis, Michael Hopmeier, says that the noise currently generated from his event training there (low flying, hovering military helicopters throughout the town and firing ranges on site) is no worse than the sound of a hunting rifle. That is not true and we currently have no control over the noise there now.

But if added to that the APA approval of firing a Howitzer cannon passes we imagine our neighborhood will sound very much louder with blasts bouncing off the mountain range and echoing throughout the Boquet River Valley. Mr. Hopmeier promotes his site as very remote but look at the Essex County residence map. The cannon will be fired directly next to a community of hundreds of homes, many with farm animals, all within 2 miles from the site. On the other side is fragile state forest full of wildlife.

Mr. Hopmeier's business is to support our military. We agree, we should all support our military. Is there nowhere else this testing can be done but inside our beautiful Adirondack Park? We hope he can find a more appropriate place to fire a large and loud military weapon.

Thank you for all you do to protect our environment.

Sincerely,
Kathy Linker
Trout Pond Road
Lewis, NY

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Katie Volz
Email from: Katiesvolz@gmail.com
Address: 23 Stevens Road Lake Placid NY 12946
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to oppose the approval of a weapons range in the Town of Lewis. I'm not even sure why this is under consideration. The APA is here to protect and preserve our park. My husband and I recently visited the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain. It was inspiring to read the bios of people who have worked hard to keep this space "sacred". I'm also concerned that a private company is doing the testing and not being required to disclose why or for whom?? None of this seems legit. I urge the APA to recommit to what those first organizers of the Park did —Keep this space protected and safe.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Keith Rodriguez
Email from: keifer1993@aol.com
Address: 232 wallace hill rd. New York 12901
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

No. No thank you. We do not need our wildlife being stressed out because one dude has a very tiny penis.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Ken Black
Email from: ken.black94@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am a registered Professional Engineer with many years of experience in greenfield land development, grading, stormwater, erosion & sediment control design in New York. My family has had a presence in Lewis since 1805, and weresome of the original settlers of the Town.

While the main question of why this is needed has not been adequately addressed – the Army has their own testing facilities – are there even contractual obligations or credible goals that Hopmeier has provided? No – beyond stating he wants to test new technology There is a reason why the US Military has stayed silent on this – there's no reason they want to involve themselves with the quibbling of a man who wants to shoot big guns for fun. I respect the military and know they have high standards that Hopmeier is nowhere close to meeting. It is frankly doing a disservice to our military.

Setting aside the adverse community and nuisance impacts, from a technical perspective, there are multiple reasons why the APA has issued six notices of incomplete permit applications, and Hopmeier seems incompetent to address the deficiencies.

I could write a multi-page document thoroughly outlining all of the deficiencies by cross-referencing the various filings with applicable regulations and conditions imposed on Hopmeier; however, I lack the time to do so.

In short, the biggest red flags are the lack of Professional Engineer (PE) and Licensed Land Surveyor stamps on the deliverables. I only see a PE stamp on the sound propagation study. No PE's or Licensed Land Surveyors have stamped surveys, or other maps. There is no figure of grading designs for berms, access roadways, and how any new feature would conform into the existing terrain. There are no diagrams and details of stormwater treatment devices, erosion and sediment controls, and operations and maintenance plans (e.g. for tree clearing, spill containment, evaluating berm stability over time, etc.).

The best Hopmeier can do is show low-quality, low-resolution diagrams with dots showing where the gun and targets will be. The deliverables omit parcel numbers, road names, elevation contours at sufficient resolution to evaluate the terrain of the firing range, etc.

Homeier obviously contracted third-rate engineering consultants to produce some semblance of figures that are obviously not in compliance with APA and State regulations or pass muster to anyone with credible experience in this field. It is no wonder that the deliverables are not stamped – the companies and engineers don't want to take the liability of putting their professional credentials on the line for this half-baked idea.

The decision is obvious, deny this application for many reasons. Does the man-child's desire to shot boom-boom guns outweigh all this public dissatisfaction and the incompetent permit application?

From: Kevin Raines <kevinrainesart@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:07 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Hopmeier's howitzer

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Dear APA,

It seems that there is always someone making an unbelievable and idiotic request to the APA, but a request to fire a howitzer by a civilian for his personal entertainment is reflective of an apparent disregard for the sanctity of the park and the neighboring towns, villages, and hamlets that live in this place of beauty and serenity.

The Adirondack Park's "For Ever Wild" experience depends upon the peaceful, responsible, and respectful cooperation of residents, neighbors, flora, and fauna. Thank God we have the APA to restrict such deleterious and dangerous behavior like this and enforce our existing laws and regulations of land use. Whether public or private all these lands are physically linked into one great experiment, border to border within one shared open air space.

If MR Hopmeier wants to go boom boom he may want to try a controlled unpopulated site like the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in MD, or an isolated dessert in Nevada. He is not however entitled to destroy or hold hostage the peace and serenity that we the people live out in the North Woods.

In these times of blatant disrespect for the rights of US citizens and capricious violence, how can we possibly open a door to individuals like this who may feel they are above the law or consideration of the other? If this is allowed, then what may be next

Please deny the request to fire artillery for fun live or not.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Raines,
Adirondack Park, Essex County

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Kristen Larkin
Email from: kristenlarkinart@gmail.com
Address: 9 Lynde St Plattsburgh NY 12901
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

The noise generated by this gun range is definitely not in keeping with the environment people desire in this area. People like this area because it is quiet, and hearing gunshots on a regular basis will be very disruptive to all neighbors. My comment on this proposal is that it should not be allowed due to the damage it will cause to the quality of life of people in the surrounding community.

From: Lance Mipne <Lance.Mipne.1187002337@forgrassroots.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:39 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Adjudicatory hearing is imperative for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

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Dear Executive Director Rice,

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to hold a formal adjudicatory hearing on the proposed Hopmeier Ballistics Testing Project in the Town of Lewis (P2021-0276) for the following reasons:

1. Ballistics Testing Is Incompatible With the APA Act.

Introducing private projectile testing sets a troubling precedent that conflicts with the Park's conservation purpose. Rural Use is one of the Park's most sensitive private land classifications, intended to protect open space, wildlife, and quiet rural character. Authorizing a private ballistics range would contradict these purposes and undermine the land use vision for the region.

2. Noise and Environmental Impacts Are Not Fully Examined.

The applicant's noise analysis lacks sufficient detail to show there will be no undue adverse impact on nearby homes, wildlife, recreation areas, or the Park's natural soundscape.

3. A Full Adjudicatory Hearing Is Necessary.

There are unresolved legal, environmental, and community questions that demand expert review and public transparency.

In conclusion, please hold an adjudicatory hearing on the Hopmeier Project, given the groundswell of local and public interest, the unprecedented nature of this project, and the potential impacts to human and wild communities.

Sincerely,

From: Laurel Ady <hellolaurelady@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:11 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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I am soon to be a resident of Essex County and I am opposed to the issue of this permit. While I understand the use of this machine would happen on private property, this property is not isolated from all other residents or wildlife in the area and would inevitably have an impact beyond the private property lines. When an activity disrupts reasonable expectations of quality of life for surrounding neighbors and has a lingering environmental impact at the cost of the American people, particularly during this time when the government is removing funding for vital programs to keep citizens fed and healthy, the thought of my tax dollars going to sub-contractors for military grade weapons testing is not something I can support. I am not opposed to guns being used for hunting for population control and food. I am opposed to military-grade weapons being tested at mine and my neighbors' expense while degrading our quality of life.

Thanks and take care,
Laurel Ady

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lisa Colburn
Email from: Lcolburn436@gmail.com
Address: 6806 US Route 9 Elizabethtown NY 12932
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to urge you to hold an Adjudicatory Hearing regarding the application to test ballistic weapons within Adirondack Park boundaries. This project does not in any way benefit to the residents or wildlife that live here in the park. In fact, the noise that will be emitted is detrimental to our quality of life. Further, this project does not even create jobs for local residents. I am most concerned with having to deal with the noise pollution this project will create. This activity belongs on established ballistics testing sites like Fort Drum and not within park boundaries. The noise from the recent paramilitary exercises held on the landowner's property that brought a week of low flying, loud Blackhawk helicopters was barely tolerable. Please protect the quality of life for the residents and wildlife that reside within the park and will be negatively impacted by this project.

From: Lori Jarvis <lorihutchinsjarvis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:26 PM
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I am opposed to this project. Please do not approve it. I don't live in Lewis, but I do live in Keeseville and have a year-round camp in Elizabethtown/Westport. Additionally, my elderly father lives in Reber. I am, therefore, at the intersection of Rt. 9/Hale Hill Rd. /Deerhead-Reber Rd. quite frequently. I don't appreciate the possibility that I would, personally, be in such close proximity to these types of activities for a whole HOST of reasons, but let's just focus on the environmental and conservational issues that are concerns for everyone. It doesn't seem possible that these activities can't be more harmful to the actual environment, as well as to the intended general objective of having an Adirondack Park, than it would be beneficial in any regard. It seems limited in it's ability to improve the surrounding communities in any meaningful economic fashion. "Development" within the park should benefit it's residents through job development, housing opportunities and economic growth with minimal disruption to "nature." This project seems lacking in these respects to any real significant degree. While I can agree that the activities could potentially be to the benefit of our military, which I support, I don't believe that inside the Adirondack Park is where this project belongs. I'm not sure what other development might be appropriate for that property, but it isn't this project. I ask that you please deny approval. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Lynn M. Donaldson
Email from: lynn626donaldson@yahoo.com
Address: 1292 US ROUTE 9 Schroon Lake NY 12870
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This will have such a negative effect on the animals in the wild. They will run and this could threaten their lives. Something like this should be tested in a desert.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: marcus zych
Email from: marcuszych@ymail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Regardless of explosives or inert rounds being fired. Dedicating land to such things especially in the ADK is despicable and a waste of resources and land. Nobodys asking for this. Nobody wants this. There's plenty of testing sites all over the country on different installations that could use this before ADK lands need to be used. Its unnecessary and unwanted. Please reconsider and think of some other alternative if these testing truly need to be done. Enough lands being used already and public lands at enough of a risk these days

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Comments from: Marietta Brady
Email from: marietta_2002@hotmail.com
Address: 12964
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Why is there money for this and not for keeping schools in shape without hurting our pockets? I understand money is already set a side for these sort of things, but shouldn't be education, having schools in great shapes, raise salaries, after school programs for all, sport camps, science camp, etc priority?

Why to upset a quiet place, this is Why we choose this place to live. To live in peace and quiet. Please move this project to a new location.

Thank you.

From: Marla Merante <runninghorsefarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:51 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinge

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I do NOT approve of Mr Michael Hopmeier's Ballistics Testing Proposal. This is not in keeping with the view of the Adirondacks that most of us hold dear. Neither the noise nor the environmental impact of the ballistics affect on the soil and ground water belong in the Adirondacks.

Thank you

Marla Merante
116 Stickney Bridge Rd
Jay, NY 12941

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Marlene A & David A Thompson Email from: damthompson14@charter.net
Address: 461 Stowersville Rd Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

We have lived in Lewis for the past 32 years and all have been, in the most part, very peaceful. Last year the same applicant hosted war games with Blackhawk helicopters running late in the evening at low altitudes. While we did not mind them, others in the community who have livestock and family that go to bed early, were bothered by them. We feel that the Howitzers being shot off in the Adirondack Park is ludicrous. This is the antithesis of a park. I am not only concerned about the wildlife, but the peace of what it means for those of us living here. First the war games, then the Howitzer's, what is the end? Are we not really an Adirondack Park, because this seems like a really bad decision that should have been shut down right away.
Thank you for your consideration.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:37 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: MREYNOLDS9257@CHARTER.NET
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mary Reynolds
Email from: mreynolds9257@charter.net
Address: 8567 Us Route 9 Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't see where this is much different then the blasting by NYCO the mine on Oak Hill from the proposal it shows this is controlled and noise may be the only concern If there is no environmental concerns I do not see any difference just my opinion

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Melissa Anderson
Email from: misslissanderson@icloud.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This doesn't align with the common use of rural areas and is detrimental to our natural environment and wildlife as well as being alarming and disturbing the peace of other residents and visitors. Even if the projectile isn't 'live' it's toxic to fire such weapons every time. I do not approve of disturbing residents both wild and human while poisoning the land. Things like this belong outside of the designated park. The park is for wild preservation. This does not align with that goal.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: yogifergot@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Michael Fergot
Email from: yogifergot@gmail.com
Address: Westport NY 12293
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I respectfully ask that the NY APA hold its first adjudicatory hearing in over a decade to review a permit request from a company that seeks to test ballistics on private land inside the Adirondack Park.

This proposal is unprecedented and incompatible with the APA Act (the regional land use law), and the APA must require a full adjudicatory hearing before making any decision.

A formal adjudicatory hearing features expert testimony, sworn evidence, and cross-examination in front of an administrative law judge that otherwise cannot be considered. It is the transparent way to examine this proposal's risks. The Agency has not held such a hearing in 14 years, and this unprecedented project warrants one.

While there are numerous reasons that I personally oppose ballistic testing in the ADKs I would appreciate an opportunity to examine in greater detail Article XIV of the NY State Constitution and how it relates to OUR park and this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael Fergot
Westport, NY

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:22 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: mikehance246@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0276 Public Comments

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Mike Hance
Email from: mikehance246@gmail.com
Address: 274 Sayre Rd Westport NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I think this a good thing for the area not only national defense but what the impact of financial impact mean for the community I think this perfect for a area being a low impact on a small community it's safer here than a large urban area

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:04 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Penny Sampson
Email from: pennylsampsom64@gmail.com
Address: NY
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This sounds like a BAD idea. Really BAD. Isn't the APA supposed to protect the Adirondacks. People can't build houses but they'll allow a munitions range? The noise and damage to wildlife and environment, let alone the peaceful enjoyment of the neighboring properties (home/property owners). That's a big no from me.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Philip J. Hamel
Email from: Philip.J.Hamel@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

As a fifth generation lifelong Adirondack resident, I am against the approval of munitions being tested at this location, within the blue line, even at an old abandoned missile silo. There must be a better and more acceptable location outside the park. Maybe out by Fort Drum or some military reservation.

From: phoebe bosley <phoebe.bosley@boquetvalleycsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:52 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Response to APA Project 2021 - 0276

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Phoebe B.
Westport NY

From: Rawson Scheinberg <scheinbergr@kenyon.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:47 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear APA,

I'm sure you'll have many of these comments to read, so I'll keep mine brief. I love the Adirondack Park. I love its tranquility. I love its beauty. I love that the APA shares this appreciation and desire to protect its serenity. Generations of my family have lived on a farm in Lewis, and I'm hoping that generations to come will comfortably be able to do the same. My wife and I recently got married near Lewis. We marveled at how, in such an uncertain world, we can always be sure that the Adirondacks will make us smile.

Please, do the right thing for the Park. Reject Mr. Hopmeier's project. On the Town of Lewis' website, the 'Welcome' section reads "Lewis is a small community known more for its peaceful ambiance than for its industry or tourism". It's clear this project is counter to the very ethos of the town in which it would exist. By welcoming this activity to the Adirondack Park, you'll be driving away those that call it home. As you know, when Nelson Rockefeller created the APA in 1971, he did so with the intention to protect the Park from aggressive development. We're all counting on you!

Thank you for reading.

Rawson Scheinberg & Olivia Elzay

From: Sheri Amsel <amsels@westelcom.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:06 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Lewis weapon firing

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We don't want large weapons firing in our community. Please reconsider allowing this to go forward.

Sincerely,
Richard Prime

Sent from my iPhone

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: robert Beausoleil
Email from: rpcomments@apa.ny.gov
Address: 55 Charland Rd Tupper Lake NY 12986
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Yes we need industry in the park. We are also incredibly behind in weapons development. All hands on deck to improve our capabilities and here we have an existing company who can help the cause. And I know this will be temporary. Once they develop what they're developing, they probably won't need to test anymore. Furthermore, they are doing so few tests. I hear 10 times more jets in the air than I have ever heard. Nothing we can do about that but we need to keep our country safe. And hear the Adirondack Park has a chance to contribute.

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Robert Powell
Email from: rwpv@optonline.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I don't believe a Park is a fitting place for a howitzer. The Adirondack Park brings a feeling of peace and wonder to all who live here or visit. The sound from firing a howitzer is certainly something that can send a veteran with PTSD diving for cover. This big bang may bring joy to Mr. Hopmeier, but not to the rest of us.

From: Robin Emery <Robine@optonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:50 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: RE: Firearms testing in the Adirondacks. Project P2021-0276

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From: Robin Emery <Robine@optonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:48 PM
To: 'rpcomments@apa.ny.gov' <rpcomments@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Firearms testing in the Adirondacks.

From: Robin Emery <Robine@optonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:46 PM
To: rpcomments@apa.ny.gov
Cc: robine@optonline.net
Subject: Firearms testing in the Adirondacks.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am absolutely opposed to all testing of military firearms anywhere in the Adirondack Park region.

This is a protected land area and not suited for this type of use.

Fort Drum has 14 square miles of property available for testing of our military equipment.

Respectfully,

Robin Emery

Email robine@optonline.net

Cell 201-321-2795

From: 2sallyjsmith@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:17 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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I want to urge the APA in the strongest terms possible to deny the permit request being made by Mr. Hopmeier for APA Project ID: 2021-0276.

I have carefully looked at the proposed project documentation as provided on your website. I have researched Mr. Hopmeier and his business Unconventional, Inc.. I attended the meeting that was held in Lewis on October 16th, 2025 where Mr. Hopmeier dialogued with approximately 65+ local residents about the Jaded Thunder military exercises operations that took place in September 2025 over two weeks as well as some details of his business and property in Lewis. I have had conversations with many of my neighbors who are residents of Lewis but also the towns of Westport, Willsboro and Essex who were all negatively affected by operation Jaded Thunder. Additionally, I have read the open letter Mr. Hopmeier wrote to the residents of Lewis after the meeting and have read as many of the articles as I could find on his proposed current project as well as other activities he has conducted on his property. I am deeply concerned about his proposed project to fire Howitzer sized artillery in what is effectively our backyard.

I have been active in the Adirondack park since I was 6 years old. I am now over 70. My father Clyde H. Smith had a deep passion for and involvement in the natural beauty of the Adirondacks as a photographer, mountaineer and environmentalist. He, along with his good friend Tony Atwill helped found Adirondack Life magazine. We were great friends with Anne LaBastille who lived right across the river. I moved here in 1996 and am also an artist, photographer and appreciate the immense privilege it is to live within this protected park. My connection to the park and this incredible natural resource runs deep.

The activities that Mr. Hopmeier proposes for an artillery range is incompatible with the sensitive and precious environment of this region. Mr. Hopmeier's brochure for his missile silo grounds states clearly that his facility can provide a testing facility "... without the need for lengthy approvals" to his special clients- whoever that might be, national or international...how would we know? This shows that because the town of Lewis has no zoning regulations outside of the hamlet, that he feels that his clients can expect little resistance from regulatory bodies and laws. I find this deeply alarming.

While a few residents at the meeting expressed unconditional support for the project and for Mr. Hopmeier in general, most of the residents in attendance strongly objected to what they had endured during operation Jaded Thunder when our homes were subjected to extremely low flying Black Hawk helicopters shining spotlights on some dwellings and neighboring forests, frightening their livestock, pets and children during the hours of the operation. I realize that the project he is seeking permission from the APA to run is a separate issue from the Jaded Thunder operation, but for the residents who live here, enduring that experience was literally a wakeup call for us..... just what was knocking on the gates of this quiet community we were asking ourselves.

The Adirondack Park is NOT a place for military training exercises, the outdoor testing of large artillery or any other potentially dangerous activities that are incompatible with park environment, values, rules and regulations. Those sorts of activities belong on military land dedicated for that use, not a wilderness park dedicated to peaceful natural ecosystems. While Mr. Hopmeier touts that his property is ideal for a variety of military tests, experiments and operations, the negative repercussions of those operations deeply disturbed many of us who DO live in adjoining towns where we DO have zoning laws because we value the quality of our environment and our communities. We particularly are relying now on the oversight that the APA can provide to help to protect individual

residents and their property from degrading influences, industries and projects that could forever harm our treasured natural resources. The businesses who cater to tourists will especially be negatively impacted if the artillery test range project is allowed to go ahead.

Of even greater concern to myself and many of the people I have spoken to about the artillery range project and Mr. Hopmeier's company is the worry that granting this permit could open the door for more even more impactful operations in the future. He is clearly very comfortable with the military and hoped to make money from his missile silo purchase. He has already shown that he is ready, willing and wanting to expand the use of his Lewis property to allow various branches of the US military (Army, Navy, Marines etc.) to come and hold specialized training events here.... whether the majority of residents want them or not. If we do not hold the line here, if the APA does not help us defend our homes, our mountains, valleys, wildlife and peaceful environment then who will?

The Adirondack Park is special. It is unique. Countless people over multiple generations have worked hard to preserve and protect this rare and precious landscape and I hope the APA will continue to be vigilant in its authority to not allow industries, companies or individuals to purchase land here hoping to then push into poor, unregulated towns with the promises of "jobs" and money for the people with projects that we cannot have any say in how they are conducted. Even Mr. Hopmeier admitted that he had no control over how the military operation was handled and it is clear that they did not respect the guidelines and boundaries he may have tried to set. Lewis residents have heard this before and now see that what is promised often is not what actually materializes, but by then, it is too late. Mr. Hopmeier also would not or could not assure residents that there was no danger from unexploded ordinance or that if there was any, was it under the highest level of security. This was very worrying.

I do understand that the missile silo does present a very special opportunity for Mr. Hopmeier. I learned that he was able to donate some of the original equipment from the facility to a museum where it will be preserved for future generations. This is laudable and commendable. His facility could also possibly be a unique setting for military-related retreats, jamborees or other such events where participants can enjoy the peace and beauty of the region. It might even be possible to retro-fit the silo itself for specialized testing that could be conducted safely within the structure without impacting the neighbors or the surrounding natural environment. Those projects would be compatible with our region and the values of the park and would build trust between the surrounding residents, communities and Mr. Hopmeier.... But that day is not here.

I urge the APA to do its job and protect the outstanding beauty and fragile environment of this part of the park. While we may not have the robust tourist traffic of Lake Placid & Saranac Lake, or the deep history of destinations such as Ft. Ticonderoga or the wilderness opportunities of paddling on any of the beautiful lakes and ponds or climbing any of the 46ers, Essex county and the Adirondack Park is our home and the residents of the towns of Lewis, Essex, Willsboro and Westport and beyond need the protection only the APA can provide to us in this unique circumstance.

PLEASE, deny this permit.

From: Sarah Kingzack <sarah.kingpin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 5:54 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0276; Michael Hopmeier; Frederick Aldinger

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Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

My name is Sarah Kingzack. I am a resident of Westport, and I teach at the Boquet Valley CSD High School in Elizabethtown.

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Kingzack
Westport

From: Sheri Amsel <sheriamsel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:01 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Weapon's fire in Lewis, NY

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We are very disturbed by the possibility of weapon firing in our community. It is not consistent with our peaceful community and natural environment for which we chose this area. Please reconsider allowing this to go forward. It will cause a lot of strife and conflict in the area and pit neighbors against each other (as already illustrated by Facebook comments). This could destroy our community as we know it.

Sincerely,
Sheri Amsel

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sophia Itenhawxhurst <sophia.itenhawxhurst@boquetvalleycsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:22 AM
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Sincerely,
Sophia Iten-Hawxhurst
Lewis

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Stephanie Picozzi
Email from: stephanie.d.picozzi@gmail.com
Address: 452 Maxam road Johnsbury 12833
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose this testing facility

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Suzanne M Carrillo
Email from: swmrfsh@gmail.com
Address: 28 Deerwood Lane Saranac Lake NY 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am opposed to ballistics testing for this project, specifically project named above. However, I am opposed to any ballistic testing in the ADK. Far-reaching noise will disturb migration patterns of wildlife and disrupt the peaceful environment of those people who live here. I vote no for this project.. Loud noise, or noise pollution, negatively impacts the environment by stressing wildlife, disrupting communication and breeding patterns, altering predator-prey dynamics, and changing species distribution. It can force animals to avoid essential habitats, cause physiological stress, and interfere with their ability to find food

From: Terry White - Wimett <terrywimett@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 6:57 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Wimett (owner of property next to Missile Site)

Thomas and Kim Wimett (owner of property next to Missile Site)

Tina and Frank Bigelow (owner of property near Missile Site)

Theresa and Paul White (daughter and son-in-law to John Wimett residing in Lewis)

Town of Lewis

From: Tracey Corbitt <corbitt.tracey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 5:56 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Weapon testing in the ADK

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To whom it may concern,

I am against approval of the permit to test weapons in any location in the Adirondack Park. Despite the application being difficult to review as a layperson it is clear that this proposal will have a negative impact on the quality of life for people and the animals in the Park.

Comparing irregular patterns of noise and traffic associated with the proposed activity to the nearby mining activity is not a valid comparison. The mining operations occur on a schedule, not a random 30 times per year (sometimes twice a day). Will there be public notice of each occurrence? The mining operation can only be done at that location, whereas the weapons testing could be done elsewhere. Why can't the weapons be tested as the military trains service members on how to use the weapon and in the location where that training occurs?

While a mining operation brings economic benefits to the community, a military consultant proposing to conduct this testing for the military with many of the company employees making \$500/hour or more does not. That money will not benefit the community that will bear the impacts of the proposed activity.

More information is needed to assess the full impacts of the proposed activity. I did not see enough detail in this application about impacts to wildlife, the surrounding community or air quality. Many communities debate what the rules about fireworks should be, let alone the testing of a 155mm howitzer!

The Adirondack Park is the wrong location for this proposed activity.

Tracey Corbitt
Resident, Indian Lake, NY

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Tyler
Email from: Tyler.bellamy6@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Firing residue is toxic. Prototype propellant formulations are less well defined and pose even greater risks to ground water. What is the mitigation plan to capture effluent and disposal of firing residues when barrels and breeches are cleaned?

Artillery systems need to be operated by specially trained gun crews (not soldiers) who will be firing remotely from under cover. What gun crew is employed by this organization and what are their credentials?

When firing prototype weapons of this caliber a surface danger zone needs to be cleared both on the ground and air space. In the event a propellant charge-goes high order and fragments the pressure vessel how will a surface danger zone and air space restriction be enforced during firing events?

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Comments from: Valerie Andersen
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I am writing to oppose the proposed howitzer weapons range in Lewis, NY. My children are direct descendants of the founders of Lewis, NY (the Woodruffs in 1805). Our family owns an 8 acre parcel and camp in Lewis and we relish in our family gatherings there eight or nine times each summer. This ill conceived project should be rejected outright and the frightening military exercises recently being conducted from Mr. Hopmeier's property should cease immediately. Mr. Hopmeier has created a public nuisance to the community and an abomination of the purpose of the Adirondack Park and his military weapons range would further negatively impact the town. Military testing should be conducted on military bases not in a state park near homes. Mr. Hopmeier has submitted incomplete and unprofessional plans and has been issued multiple notices of incomplete application. The Park Agency has given him enough opportunity to submit coherent plans and he has failed to do so. No more time should be wasted on this project. It should be rejected once and for all. It is ludicrous for a military weapons range to disturb the peace and enjoyment of residents, tourists and long time property owners such as my family. The Adirondack Park was not established to be a howitzer military weapons range.

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Att: Frederick Aldinger

Good morning, I have attached my comments for the above noted project.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you, Vic Putman

**VICTOR J. PUTMAN
183 FARRELL ROAD
WILLSBORO, NY 12996**

October 30, 2025

**New York State Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99, Ray Brook, NY**

**Re: APA Project 2021-0276 Michael Hopmeier
Att: Frederick Aldinger**

Dear Sirs,

I am responding to your agency's request for comments relating to application 2021-0276 incorporating the development and approval of a ballistics testing facility in the Town of Lewis.

As a former full time resident of the Deerhead Hamlets' Post Office and Country Store located on Route 9 one mile north of the Deerhead-Reber Road/Hale Hill Lane intersection (just beyond the mapped sound impact area) and as a current lessee of property on Trout Pond Road (2 miles outside the mapped impact area) I appreciate the ability to comment on this proposed project permit from the perspective of a resident and the somewhat retired Essex County Planning Director and present President of the Boquet River Association.

First let me state that the irony of this proposal, to test ballistics against the backdrop of Church Mountain, is not lost.

My first review of the documentation would conclude that the sheer enormity of the data set requires much more than a cursory review by residents without the in depth capacity needed to navigate hundreds of pages of appendixes and knowledge of the issues and potential social, economic and environmental impacts to the residents in the immediate area not to mention access to and training in the use of technology which is a challenge to many seniors and disadvantaged communities. Impacts beyond just the decibels disrupting daily activities and aesthetic enjoyment of the unique experiment of the Adirondack Park could be festering for generations if the proposed project is approved as precedent exploits the future.

The proposal and its' immediate and long term impacts require a full and complete public hearing which would allow ALL those impacted now by this project to give voice to the personal, community, environmental, economic, social and institutional concerns which would benefit from a public forum. The lack of effective regional media which is fragmented at best shields the 6 million acre region of the ability to adequately scrutinize the proposal. Furthermore the projects' audience reaches far beyond the Park itself and requires all citizens of the State better access to the decision processes of the Agency. A profound lack of public hearing forums disrupts

the transparency and trust residents of the Park and state deserve in participating in and understanding the process of Park Agency regulatory objectives and decisions. A lack of voice diminishes the ability to inform, seek redress and collaborate on the creation of thriving communities within the private/public domain of the Adirondack Park and diminishes its value of collaboration that is lost through neglect.

I noted from the submitted analysis is that area of the noise impact located up to the intersection of NYS Rte. 9 and Trout Pond Road. This area has a southern exposure toward the proposed project site against Church Mountain which is facing North and East aligning echo sounding toward those residents situated in the former Deerhead Hamlet area. As a former resident (25 years) the sounds of the Northway (US Route 87) were noted as ever present despite being well over 1 mile from the infrastructure source. Prevailing bedrock outcrops in the entire area also helped to magnify sounds beyond what might be reflected in the tabled analysis upon which the existing analysis is witness to. Therefore an extended boundary of analysis is warranted not only for the immediate 2-5 mile radius but outward possible 15 miles who will hear intermittent sounds of war not recreation which is what occurs frequently in the region during a typical hunting season or near Fish and Game Clubs where most hunters or shooting enthusiasts pursuing big game or targets are limited to 10 mm or smaller caliber firearms with levels of magnitude much smaller charges. It is also relevant here to say that the sound of a hunters' firearm during the open season is usually a nostalgic and appreciated experience for many in the area. The sound portends a successful hunt and potential table fare for the participant family and friends. The proposed project if approved will contradict this experience for many and only creates a sense of anxiety and disdain for the powers that would promote the use of the park as a testing range for war. Furthermore the sounds of the ballistic testing will be heard way beyond the objectionable 100 dbc or whatever level is deemed "acceptable?"

It is also worth noting here that during the unannounced (unpermitted) helicopter and blank machine gun training event which occurred at the same location on the afternoon of September 16, 2025 could be heard 12 miles away in Willsboro (Personal Experience). Clearly the impacts of the proposed project will extend much further than the limits of the current study and analysis has or could be demonstrated on paper or blue screen. To many residents this in itself was a traumatic, unanticipated experience which was not properly announced or explained to those impacted and may lead to physiological and psychological harm to those who were subjected to this surprise attack on their neighborhood.

The Proposed Project location on Rural Use zoned land is also contradictory to the definition of Rural Use in the APA Act. To wit "Rural Use areas "contain significant ecotones, critical wildlife habitat and should enhance the aesthetic and economic benefit derived from the park atmosphere". Clearly a ballistic testing area would not enhance the aesthetic benefit to anyone with earshot of the facility. With respect to the economic benefit of the proposed project it is worth noting that

Whispering Pines Campground on Route 9 in Lewis is within the sound impact area. As a seasonal tourism destination Essex County is dependent on tourism revenue our primary industry. It was noted by the County Treasurer that the largest sector of Essex County tax revenue is derived from the tourism accommodations sector.

The proposed project area on Hale Lane is in proximity to Hale Brook and tributaries of the North Branch of the Boquet River (NBBR)– a designated Study River for inclusion of the Wild Scenic and Recreational River System. The Project “Impact” area includes miles of Public Fishing Rights (PFR) access on the NBBR. Infrastructure investments are underway to improve Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) by NYS DEC, NYSDOT, Trout Unlimited (TU), Boquet River Association (BRASS), Essex County and US F&W. The installation of new culverts and bridges will allow Brook Trout and Salmon to access refugia and spawning habitat to help sustain their populations. These improvements will also improve flood resilience for residents and travelers. PFR’s, culverts and bridges are economic and recreational assets and drivers purchased through public tax dollars as well as other institutional private donations. Will the proposed project be an asset or a liability for the communities and recreational enthusiasts who might be engaged in the pleasures of outdoor pursuits in the immediate area? Clearly the sounds of war projectile tests are contrary to “Rural Use” of the Adirondack Park.

In summary, please note that it would be preferable to have a Public Hearing on such a consequential long term uncharacteristic and impactful project that explains the purpose and objectives of the Adirondack Park Agency goals more explicitly to the residents of the Park and the state, especially in consideration of the very large and complex proposal. Also, efforts are needed to better quantify the long and short term effects of this project on tourism, our major economic driver, public health and social acceptance/necessity to the immediate surrounding area but for future projects anywhere in the Park. Other remote areas could see projects that do not produce sounds but could create biological or chemical products that may be benign at first or subject to containment but more explosive literally and figuratively.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on project 2021-0276. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifying comments/references.

Very truly yours,

Victor J. Putman

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Comments from: Wayne Walder
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Address: 116 Kimpton Rd Saranac Lake N.Y. 12983
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

This is one of the most ridiculous ideas I have heard in a long time.....

Weapons testing in a park.

The list of reasons not to do this is long and thoughtful. Here are just a few reasons that come to mind:

Noise,

Danger,

Precedent, Moving from firing to ballistics testing Animal stress and death, Human Stress, (and potential death), Greed justifying dangerous action, Deters Tourism in the area, (People come for the quiet and beauty) Damages credibility of the APA to even have this discussion,

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Email from: wendyceleste@aol.com
Address: Westport NY 12293
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Mr. Aldinger,

Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

I am writing to formally oppose APA Project 2021-0276, applicant: Michael Hopmeier. I am deeply concerned that the proposed munitions testing — which would allow repeated firings approximately twice a month — will create significant and unacceptable noise pollution, disturb wildlife and neighbors, and fundamentally conflict with the Park's long-standing "forever wild" conservation mission.

This sort of activity is incompatible with the character and legal protections of the Adirondack Park and the Forest Preserve, and risks irreversible harm to the quiet, ecological integrity, and wild character that Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was written to protect. For these reasons I urge the Agency to deny the permit. Even if the firing is episodic, each event is extremely high intensity - louder than a jet take-off. The cumulative effect of disturbances, wildlife disruption, property impact, and impact on local residents merit serious concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Wendy Meguid
Westport, NY

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

My family on the mother side of the family are the Denton's and since my family has live there more than a hundred years they and I to some degree disapprove of the noise polution and the ecological damage that blast might do to the environment. I want to be able to take my niece and nephew fishing some day in Lewis, just like i had when i was a child, without having to be worried about the chemical residue that would harm the ecosystem.

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Hello Mr. Aldinger,

Anyone who cares about the Adirondack Park should be in opposition to the proposed howitzer/cannon testing in the Adirondack Park. As residents of Lewis with our home in close proximity to the site in question, and having followed the proposed project(s) since 2021; we were tentatively pleased that this project is facing road blocks. Out of state, non resident defense contractor Michael Hopmeier has failed to provide complete applications five(5) times to the APA and is now appealing the process, again. Many residents of Lewis, and individuals from other communities, do not want this cannon/howitzer testing here or in the Adirondack Park. There is a place for this type of testing and activity, just not in the Adirondack Park. Already established nearby federal military range sites such as Fort Drum and the Ethan Allan range come to mind. The Army has previously determined that this project is not appropriate for Lewis, and issued a stop work order on the project. "The Army has determined that it currently possesses sufficient test range capacity to meet its artillery testing needs for now and the future". As the Army is the preeminent source of information about cannons and howitzers; this speaks volumes. At this juncture the five(5) incomplete applications to the Adirondack Park Agency and the Army's stop work order determination should be enough to close this proposed project down for good. However, Mr. Hopmeier wants to appeal the process with the APA further. No doubt having his attorneys exploit any loop holes in the rules and regulations that would protect the Adirondack Park and the residents of Lewis. We hope the APA Board members will look at this carefully and strongly consider the potential long term ramifications of this type of use within the blue lines of the Adirondack Park. We are cautiously optimistic that when the APA Board meets on 11/13/25 and 11/14/25 they will make a final decision of "no" to the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Dan & Lanita Canavan
Lewis, NY