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an impact on all our people," Perez stated in a press release.

Also considered in the resolution are the four active firing ranges and ongoing construction of a fifth firing range above the Northern Lens Aquifer.

The resolution cites the known accumulation of heavy metals like nickel and copper in soils at training ranges, and the high cancer rates on Guam, which continue to be a leading cause of death.

The over-extraction of water from the aquifer as a result of the buildup may threaten the intrusion of saltwater into the freshwater aquifer, the resolution states.

"We all come from our mother's hñanom; how special it is, and how much needed that is. It's crucial in so many ways to sustain our lives and in more ways that we may even realize, both physically and spiritually," Jessica Nangauta, an organizer with Prutehi Litekyan/Save Ritidian stated during Thursday's hearing.

Marine veteran Rick Perez directed attention to



Contract personnel and heavy equipment can be seen as work continues along a roadway, just past the turnoff to the Guam National Wildlife Refuge, on March 31. The roadway is being installed near Ritidian Point to allow easier access to an area designated for several live-fire training ranges.

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contamination issues in Okinawa, which also hosts a U.S. military presence. "As a former Marine, I'm absolutely horrified by what the Marine Corps is doing on Guam. It's disgusting. It doesn't represent the best of American values," Rick Perez stated during the hearing.

He said targeted communication with Congress, the White House, and the Secretary of Defense may be better than dealing with Joint Region Marianas.

The resolution further called upon the Guam Environmental Protection

Agency to ensure that a high-quality environment be maintained at all times. It called upon the Department of Defense to prevent further damage related to the Live Fire Training Range Complex and to protect against irreparable harm to Guam's drinking water. It also urged a visit to the island by the United Nations regarding human rights to safe drinking water and the rights of indigenous peoples.

"The testimony we received today was so heartfelt and compelling, and it is clear that the Department of Defense does not have the consent of our people to continue with the desecration of our lands and contamination of our waters," Sen. Perez said.

Supporting testimony was also heard from University of Guam's Green Army president Kyle Dahilig, Arthur Paulino of the Social Work Student Alliance, and Bobbie S.N. Benavente, a CHamoru grandmother and great-grandmother from Dededo.

Resolution 55 was co-sponsored by Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, and Sens. Telena Cruz Nelson, Clynton Ridgell, Jose "Pedro" Terlaje and Telo T. Tai-tague.

Stimulus

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return but filed an Economic Impact Payment for Non-Filers (EIP-NF) form on or before Nov. 21, 2020; or

- Are federal benefit recipients as of Dec. 31, 2020, who do not usually file a tax return and received Social Security and Railroad Retirement Board benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Veteran benefit recipients in 2020.

- Residents can see the status of their stimulus check at www.myguam-tax.com.

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The third round of Economic Impact Payment checks were part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, signed into law by President Joe Biden March 11.

The checks are \$1,400 — \$2,800 for joint filers —



Yigo resident Alfredo Macale displays a stimulus check he received for him and his wife, after checking their mailbox at the post office in Yigo on Friday. RICK CRUZ/PDN

plus an additional \$1,400 for each dependent child. Individuals earning up to \$75,000 and married couples with incomes up to \$150,000 will receive the full payments. Payments decrease for incomes above those thresholds, phasing out for those making more than \$80,000 and married couples making more than \$160,000.

Mail

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entirely by contracted workers."

"Due to the nature of the ongoing investigation, for now we will not be able to

comment further about the case," he said.

He said those who believe they may have been victims of mail theft should file a complaint with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service by calling 877-876-2455, toll free, or by visiting www.uspis.gov and filing a complaint.

Customers affected by the closure can pick up their mail at the Barrigada Post Office. The parcel window is open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Yigo and Dededo customers are asked to bring a photo I.D.

Last week, Postal Service communications specialist Duke Gonzales stated the sites - were closed until further notice to conduct an audit. Customers at the Dededo and Yigo post offices Friday were met with closed service windows and signs telling them to pick up their mail at Barrigada.

EMS Commission and EMSC Advisory Committee Virtual Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:00 AM

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