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Reference: Draft EA for the Proposed Construction of the Maintenance and Supply Facility and Training Support Facility

Dear Mr. Stephenson,

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) thanks you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed construction of the Maintenance and Supply Facility and Training Support Facility.

As noted in our letter of June 10, 2020, environmental protection of the Doug and Piney Run Creeks, the surrounding communities and forested areas is paramount. The draft EA provides for a relatively standard evaluation concluding that there is no significant impact. We appreciate the use of Best Management Practices for stormwater management. It is unclear if the new facility will avoid the use of glare and reflective exterior materials as recommended in our letter of 2010.

Furthermore, we recognize that many DOD facilities have been constructing energy efficient buildings and planting native vegetation. The EA does not address neither the energy efficiency nor the planting of native vegetation. Given the climate crisis that we are facing, we would hope that DOD will construct energy efficient structures. Native vegetation not only imposes fewer maintenance needs but also provides essential habitat and food for wildlife.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to comment and look forward to your response.

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