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RE: Modification of the Duke Military Operations Area Airspace, Environmental Assessment

Dear Sirs:

The Conservation & Natural Resources Advisory Council (CNRAC) is a legislatively mandated Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) advisory board. We are charged with reviewing conservation and natural resource policies, laws and programs of the Commonwealth and making appropriate suggestions and recommendations to the Department, the Governor and the General Assembly. CNRAC's duties also include making direct recommendations to Federal executive agencies or legislative bodies whose actions will bear on the Commonwealth's conservation and natural resource responsibilities.

CNRAC works closely with the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, stakeholder groups, and the general public in implementing Act 18, Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, which reads:

"The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all of the people, including generations yet to come."

CNRAC is requesting an extension of the public comment period from 45 days to at least 90 days on the Duke MOA Low Project. We are also requesting public meetings be held in the directly impacted counties. There is a high level of community interest, and we believe your providing additional information and engaging in discussion with the impacted communities will help in the ability to provide their input as envisioned under the National Environmental Policy Act.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding dates and locations for the public meetings.

Sincerely,

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Geralyn Umstead-Singer, CNRAC Chair

cc: Governor Tom Wolf Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary, DCNR