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Via e-mail to alexander.stryisky@mass.gov

RE: L.G. Hanscom Field North Airfield Development Project
Bedford, MA-EEA#16654

Dear Mr. Stryisky:

Development of the L.G. Hanscom Field North Airfield Development is proposed for an area that is adjacent to and/or on two federal Superfund sites which are currently undergoing investigation and cleanup of hazardous materials and the emerging contaminants, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, (also known as PFAS) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The two sites, Hanscom Airfield/Air Force Base and the former Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant are being investigated and remediated by the U.S. Airforce and Navy, respectively, with oversight by US EPA and MassDEP.

The Remote Public Consultation given by MEPA on February 6, 2023 presented proposed plans for the creation of 27 corporate jet hangars at the North Airfield, renovation of an existing hangar on the former Navy parcel (former Southern Flight Test Area (SFTA)), creation of 10 or more acres of impervious surface, construction of a jet fuel tank farm, and installation of a new stormwater drainage system. Disturbance or planned construction of the proposed development areas has the potential to impact investigations and cleanup currently underway at both Superfund sites and mobilize contaminants off property, namely toward Elm Brook affecting drinking water source areas located downgradient/downstream. Any future plans for design or construction should therefore take into consideration both Superfund sites and involve discussions with the Air Force, Navy, USEPA, and MassDEP, as appropriate, to ensure that the proposed project can occur in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment and does not interfere with ongoing cleanup remedies or future investigations.

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Sincerely,

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