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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

1 May, 2009

Director, Environmental Affairs

Dear Reviewer:

The Massachusetts Army National Guard (MAARNG) has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed construction of a new Readiness Center to be located on a 5.5 acre State owned parcel at the site of the existing Methuen Armory facility in Methuen, Massachusetts. The Methuen Readiness Center Project proposes to upgrade the existing Methuen Armory facility to meet MAARNG mission, readiness and training requirements.

An Environmental Assessment is part of the National Environmental Policy Act process which helps integrate environmental principles into decision making. The Final Environmental Assessment explores alternatives to the proposed action and includes an impact analysis of the preferred alternative. The assessment is reviewed to determine if the proposed action is protective of the environment. For more information about the Readiness Center, contact:

Massachusetts National Guard
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ATTN: Mr. Keith J. Driscoll
50 Maple Street
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A 30-day public comment period for the Draft FONSI begins on May 1st, 2009. Those wishing to make written comments on this document should submit them to the attention of Keith J. Driscoll at the MAARNG Environmental Office at the above-mentioned address, no later than May 30, 2009.

Please contact me at (508) 233-6512 for additional copies or with any questions you may have about these documents or the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith J. Driscoll", written over a horizontal line.

Keith J. Driscoll
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Enclosures

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