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RE: Operable Unit (OU) Designations for PFAS Investigation  
Hanscom Field/Hanscom Air Force Base Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Greenberg:

EPA is in receipt of the Air Force letter titled, "Operable Unit Designations for Aqueous Film-Forming Foam Sites, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA", dated November 28, 2022, and reissued on December 14, 2022. As indicated in this letter, Air Force has proposed to: 1) modify the existing OU1 to include three aqueous film-forming form (AFFF) source areas, CG024P Taxiway Echo Release, and FT001P-SUB Fire Training Area II and Outfall 001; and 2) to create a new OU4 for the SS025P Motor Pool Release area.

EPA concurs with these designations. However, please be advised that we expect Air Force to fully characterize the nature and extent of PFAS contamination throughout the Site. The presence of PFAS, regardless of the nature of release or origin, presents a potential risk to human and ecological receptors as well as nearby drinking water resources. In order for Air Force's PFAS Remedial Investigation to adequately define the nature and extent of PFAS contamination at Hanscom, it needs to include all potential releases, including any instances of the use or disposal of AFFF (by the Air Force or any other Party - e.g., the 2014 private jet crash) or the release of PFAS from non-AFFF sources.

Last, during a meeting on December 12, 2022, Air Force further clarified that it intends to submit one Draft Phase I Remedial Investigation Work Plan on May 5, 2023, that addresses both OU1 and OU4. While EPA concurs with this plan, we encourage Air Force to expedite this work to the extent possible given the potentially-impacted municipal drinking water supplies in the area and downstream, and also encourage Air Force to consider all potential human health and ecological exposure pathways in its scoping of the Phase I work.

Please feel free to contact me at [Lowry.Shawn@epa.gov](mailto:Lowry.Shawn@epa.gov) or 617-918-1459 with any questions.

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