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Ms. Jennifer Haro
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Dear Ms. Haro,

Thank you for your interest in the current status of the Tank Farm Improvement project at Manchester Fuel Depot. We value the community's support for our mission and the critical role we play in our nation's defense and I am happy to take this opportunity to bring you, the Kitsap County Commissioners, and the MCAC up to date regarding what is going on at the facility.

Contractors have been hard at work since August 2nd, 2021 on the first phase of the three-phase project, which involves demolishing and backfilling five old underground fuel storage tanks. As of today, all five tanks have been demolished and contractors have almost completed backfilling the last tank. They have also begun construction of the remote impoundment area and laying the foundations for the first two of six new above-ground storage tanks.

The design contract has been awarded for Phase Two, which involves the demolishing and backfilling of two more underground tanks, and construction of two new above ground storage tanks. We expect to see a final draft of the design for review by the end of this year.

Manchester residents may have noticed vehicles moving to and from the base, bringing in construction materials and removing debris from the dismantled tanks. To date, our neighbors have not presented us with any noise concerns about the worksite. This is no doubt because of the geographic location of the project inside the facility, surrounded by hills and wooded areas. We do not anticipate noise to become an issue for the community.

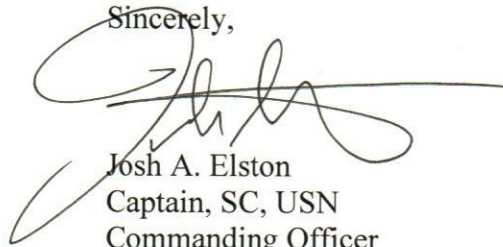
We also have some environmental good news to report. Last year we completed another restoration project at Blackberry Loop, on the Beaver Creek waterway running through Manchester Fuel Depot property. This project was essentially the construction of a fish passage that returned the creek to its original course and removed barriers that prevented salmon from moving upstream to spawn. We are very proud of the work we have done on our waterways. We are also pleased to note that our workers have started to see salmon moving through the base during spawning season, an indicator that our work with the Port Orchard Rotary and Discovery High School to release salmon fry into waterways on the facility is starting to pay dividends.

The people that make up our Manchester Fuel Depot team consider themselves part of the Manchester Community. Our military and civilian staff works hard every day to "Fuel the Fleet"

with top quality petroleum products and take pride and ownership over our operation. We follow strict quality control measures and adhere to the highest of safety and environmental standards. We take very seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer money and the natural environment under our purview. Safety is also a top priority in our operations, as is our relationship with the residents of the Manchester community.

Again, thank you for reaching out, and if you or your constituents ever have any questions or concerns about operations at Manchester Fuel Depot, please continue to bring them to the attention of our Office of Corporate Communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Elston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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