

General Conformity – Record of Non-Applicability

Project/Action Name: Construction and Operation of an Armed Forces Reserve Center and Implementation of BRAC 05 Realignment Actions in the vicinity of the Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire

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General Conformity under the Clean Air Act, Section 176 has been evaluated for the project described above according to the requirements of 40 CFR 93, Subpart B. The General Conformity Rule applies to federal actions occurring in regions designated as being in non-attainment for the NAAQS or attainment areas subject to maintenance plans (maintenance areas). Threshold (*de minimis*) rates of emissions have been established for federal actions with the potential to have significant air quality impacts. If a project/action located in an area designated as non-attainment or maintenance exceeds these *de minimis* levels, a general conformity analysis is required. Rockingham County is designated as a moderate ozone (8-hour) non-attainment area. Because ozone forms from other emissions, the analysis focuses on ozone precursors, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x). The region is in attainment for other criteria pollutants.

A General Conformity Analysis of this project/action is not required because maximum annual direct and indirect emissions from this project/action have been estimated for all alternatives as:

VOCs 1.76 tons peak construction and 0.01 tons per year of operation.

NO_x 10.9 tons peak construction and 0.14 tons per year of operation.

These are below the *de minimis* levels established in 40 CFR 93.153(b) of:

VOCs 100 tons per year.

NO_x 100 tons per year.

Furthermore, the project/ action is not considered regionally significant under 40 CFR 93.153(i). Rockingham County is in attainment for criteria pollutants (carbon monoxide, lead, particulate matter (10 micron diameter), particulate matter (2.5 micron diameter), and sulfur dioxide) and, therefore, these pollutants are not subject to conformity review.

Supporting documentation and emission estimates can be found in Section 4.4 and Appendix D of the Environmental Assessment document.

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