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**Subject:** DoD Extension Request: WAC 173-443 (August 31, 2023)

Good afternoon Ms. Kildahl,

I am the Department of Defense (DoD) Regional Environmental Coordinator for EPA Region 10 and represent the military interests of the Services and corresponding installations on environmental matters within those states, to include Washington. I am responsible for coordinating responses to various environmental legislative bills, policies, and regulatory matters of interest.

DoD is aware of the impacts that climate change has on our installations and mission. DoD's Sustainability Plan 2022 clearly states "The Department recognizes the reality of an emerging climate crisis that is impacting our installations, equipment, and forces. Effectively responding to the challenges of climate change requires adaptation actions to prepare for the inevitable impacts from climate change as well as mitigation measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhance military capability." In Washington, DoD has installations that are Power Projection Platforms dependent upon being able to quickly deploy service members and equipment to strategically significant areas of the world in support of National Defense, National Security and humanitarian missions.

The Department of Defense requests the Washington Department of Ecology extend the comment period for the amendments to Chapter 173-443 WAC Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and Other Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (GHG) from August 31, 2023 to September 30, 2023. The proposed regulation could have significant, and far-reaching impacts to the DoD's ability to perform its mission locally and internationally. The DoD needs time to examine the law to determine the impact to missions at DoD bases and installations within Washington State, and the impact to international missions which require consistent maintenance procedures and material requirements across DoD's platform of operations.

Thank you for consideration of this request, I can be reached by email, or at the phone number below for any questions or clarification.

Respectfully,  
Karen

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