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Mr. M. R. Harrell
Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff
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Dear Mr. Harrell:

Thank you for your recent letter of notification to Governor Kaine regarding preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) / Overseas Environmental Impact statement (OEIS) for Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training along the East Coast of the United States and in the Gulf of Mexico. The Governor has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

I have forwarded your letter to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the state agency that handles the Commonwealth's coordinated review process. DEQ will distribute the Agency Scoping Package to the appropriate state agencies, planning district commissions, and localities for their direct comments to the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. DEQ will coordinate the EIS/OEIS review and submit the Commonwealth's comments. The contact for DEQ is Ellie L. Irons, Program Manager for the Office of Environmental Impact Review. Ms. Irons can be reached at 804-698-4325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Preston Bryant, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

L. Preston Bryant, Jr.

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