

**DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY HEADQUARTERS**  
**AIR INTAKE MODIFICATIONS AT THE McNAMARA HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX**  
8725 John J. Kingman Road  
Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

July 28, 2005

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for air intake modifications at the McNamara Building, Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2205.10.00(38.00)-41648.

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The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for several modified air intake structures situated along the existing McNamara Headquarters Complex which was previously approved by the Commission in the 1990s.

The air intake modifications are being implemented in accordance with Department of Defense security criteria that require the outside air be introduced into the building a minimum of 10 feet above adjacent grade.

The submitted project is to extend the height of the existing air intakes at their existing locations. The building is faced with brick veneer at the upper stories, and there is a continuous, precast concrete band or "base," one story high, along the facade at the ground level. The modifications will be erected within this band, and will be faced with matching precast concrete, to blend with the original building "base" and reinforce the horizontal character of the original design. The design approach is feasible given the distinct and unique location of the vents and also the large scale and extreme height of the building. The proposed intake/exhaust structures will consist of factory-precast concrete panels anchored to masonry (CMU) backup walls, bearing on either new or existing foundation walls. The concrete finish will match the existing building precast wall color and texture, which is similar to a white limestone. New precast panels will be configured to meet and match existing building joints when installed, aligning with existing reveals and profiles to achieve an appearance integrated with the rest of the building.

No additional employees or other facilities are required with the air intake modifications. The locations are consistent with the building architecture and the facility master plan.

Staff has found no major issues connected with the proposal. The Army has worked diligently to resolve questions about exterior colors, building fenestration, and height of the air vents structures. Staff believes the design submitted addresses all concerns and is the most feasible approach addressing all the constraints involved with the featured areas. The planned modifications are small in size and situated in a location removed from any visible public viewshed. The project is consistent with the Commission's delegated project review and would have no adverse impact on land uses or environmental resources of the general site. Staff review of all submittal information from the agency has determined the proposal adheres to the NCPC Categorical Exclusion requirements for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) purposes. Additionally, the Army has provided a review and determination, conforming with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, that the building is not an eligible historic structure (building was completed in 1993) and that no historic properties or resources exists in the vicinity of the project that would be affected by the action.

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