



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 13, 2010

Elaine Stanley
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Environmental Protection Agency
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Boston, MA 02109-3912

RE: Former Aerovox Building Demolition and Site Cleanup, Manomet Mill No. 3, New Bedford, MA.
MHC #RC.26819.

Dear Ms. Stanley:

Thank you for providing the notification for the project referenced above. The undertaking involves the demolition of the Manomet Mill No. 3, capping the site, and performing a site cleanup pursuant to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Chapter 21E program.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission, office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, looks forward to the Environmental Protection Agency's determinations for the undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR 800. Please seek the comments of the New Bedford Historical Commission.

Because of the public safety concerns that you relate in your letter, the MHC encourages the EPA to expedite its determinations pursuant to 36 CFR 800. MHC suggests that EPA coordinate with other state and local officials to secure the property from unauthorized access, and to coordinate with local safety officials regarding your concerns about the property to protect the public's safety.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800). Please contact Edward L. Bell of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brona Simon".

Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Kwabena Kyei-Aboagye, EPA Region 1 Historic Preservation Officer
Molly Cote, MassDEP, Southeast Regional Office
New Bedford Historical Commission