



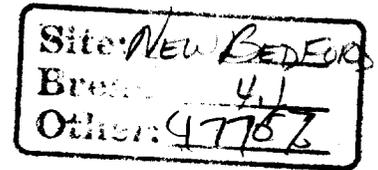
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Branch

Mr. Michael R. Deland
Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
J. F. Kennedy Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

Dear Mr. Deland:

I appreciate your staff briefing me last Thursday on the New Bedford Superfund Study. Hopefully EPA's question of the need for a Corps permit will be resolved in Washington shortly.

If we are involved in a permit decision, project changes may be required due to our Section 404(b)(1) compliance determination and our public interest review procedures. These changes seem to fit into the superfund process described to me. Attached are our previous comments on the Feasibility Study and additional comments on its use as a functional equivalent to an Environmental Impact Statement. I was relieved to hear that the project is still in a conceptual stage and that there will be additional studies and reviews before final design is started.

We will continue our close coordination on these studies to insure that all of our requirements are met. Depending on the outcome of the Washington meeting on the permit process we may have to meet again to discuss how to meet our regulatory requirements and your schedule for this project.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Sciple
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Division Engineer

Enclosure

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