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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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US Environmental Protection Agency

Region 1

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William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Massachusetts Historical Commission

RE: New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, 2011 Marine Reconnaissance Archaeological Survey,
New Bedford, MA. MHC #RC.17682.

Dear Mr. White:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the office of the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed information, including the Archeological Scope of Work for the 2011 dredge areas, identified as Areas N, O, K, and L in this submittal, received March 30, 2011, for the project referenced above.

MHC understands that the National Park Service has provided comments electronically on the Scope of Work, including recommendations for refinement of the proposed survey methodology, which EPA and its archaeological consultant should take into account.

Other interested and consulting parties may have comments which EPA should continue to incorporate into their project planning. MHC would appreciate receiving copies of any written comments from the other interested or consulting parties as the project proceeds.

MHC looks forward to continued consultation with EPA, the Corps and other interested and consulting parties to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects to significant historic properties during the project. These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800). If you have questions or require additional information please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,

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