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Subject: South Terminal Project in New Bedford, FEMA Contacts for possible Letter of Map Revision Review (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Bill:

If you are considering contacting FEMA about whether the proposed South Terminal Project in New Bedford requires a Letter of Map Revision ("LOMR") due to loss of flood storage, my main points of contact with FEMA for LOMR reviews are Mike Goetz (617-956-7571) Chief of the Risk Analysis Branch or his principal point of contact David Knowles (see contact information below). From the State side, you can also contact Rich Zingarelli. NOTE: I have copy furnished all three of these individual on this e-mail.

In recent years I worked as the Corps point of contact for MassDOT. Working with FEMA we developed a project under which FEMA would do a basic review of the plan drawings and hydraulic data to determine if a conditional letter of map revision ("CLOMR") was required. If a CLOMR was not required, we still included the following special conditions as part of our authorizations:

"Within 180 days of project completion, MassDOT shall forward a set of project plans and relevant technical documentation to the Risk Analysis Branch, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region 1, 99 High Street, Boston Massachusetts, 02110. This submission shall be made in a digital format, and provide a level of content detail, acceptable to FEMA Region 1 personnel.

If at any time there is a project design change that may:

- a) result in any increase to the crossed waterway's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Base Flood Elevation (BFE) profile;
- b) result in a greater than 0.5 foot decrease to the crossed waterway's NFIP BFE profile;
- c) require an alteration to the waterway's existing NFIP Regulatory Floodway delineation.

MassDOT shall coordinate with the FEMA Region 1 Risk Analysis Branch personnel to determine if initiation of an NFIP flood insurance study change review process is warranted. If FEMA personnel determine that a change to the flood insurance study pertinent to the MassDOT project may be required, MassDOT will submit all required information to FEMA and complete the applicable process. Once completed, MassDOT will provide written notice to the Corps regarding the coordination process outcome."

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the information presented in this e-mail. Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Knowles, David [<mailto:david.knowles@dhs.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 2:24 PM

To: Sneeringer, Paul J NAE
Cc: Adams, Karen K NAE; Zingarelli, Richard (OGA); Frances, Ivy; Goetz, Mike
Subject: RE: Public Notice for the MassHighway - Programmatic Individual Permit (NAE-2008-3745)

Hi Paul

Sorry for the delay.

I have gotten very few comments so far on the flow chart/outline so I don't have any significant revisions to add at this point. Since I have provided the documents to several people, I would have to say that they are out there for people to use and comment on. Feel free to give them to Mass Highway.

If MHD has significant concerns about what they are seeing, perhaps we can have a teleconference or even meet again if there are that many issues.

Thank you.

Dave

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sneeringer, Paul J NAE [<mailto:Paul.J.Sneeringer@usace.army.mil>]
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Subject: RE: Public Notice for the MassHighway - Programmatic Individual Permit (NAE-2008-3745)

Dave:

Would you have any concerns if I shared your DRAFT NFIP flowchart with MassHighway? Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Knowles, David [<mailto:david.knowles@dhs.gov>]
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To: Sneeringer, Paul J NAE
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Paul

As a follow-up to our meeting on March 12, I developed a draft of a flow chart and an outline (to be used in conjunction with each other) as a means of reviewing developments (MHD bridges, in particular) to see if a Conditional Letter of map Revision should be requested prior to the development. If a CLOMR is requested, a Letter or Map Revision is almost always required after the project is complete. The chart and outline are attached.

Where a CLOMR is not necessary, many times a LOMR is required in order to provide FEMA with the most up-to-date hydraulic data for inclusion in our files.

Of course, Mass Highway may always contact this office or the office of the state coordinator for the NFIP (Rich Zingarelli at MA DCR) in specific cases to review the bridge and see if it would be prudent to apply for a conditional change or at least a flood insurance study product revision after the project is complete.

It would appear that in almost all circumstances, it would be best to apply E.O. 11988 to the bridge projects. Although building at a different location would not likely be an option, certainly revisions to the design may be important to meet environmental and floodplain management objectives.

Thank you.

Dave

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From: Sneeringer, Paul J NAE [<mailto:Paul.J.Sneeringer@usace.army.mil>]
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Subject: Public Notice for the MassHighway - Programmatic Individual Permit (NAE-2008-3745)

Dave, Ivy, and Rich:

The Corps public notice for the MassHighway Programmatic Individual Permit ("PIP") has been out for public review for a couple of weeks. I wanted to make sure that you are aware that the public notice is out.

Copies

of the public notice can be downloaded from <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/reg/MHDPIP.pdf>

We will be trying to develop a process for dealing with the replacement of low-profile bridges within the next 3-5 weeks. I still have concerns about how the Executive Order on Floodplain Management applies to this discussion. We would appreciate any comments from you on the proposed PIP process.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this e-mail.
Thanks for your review.

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