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

February 17, 2011

Lois K. Adams
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RE: New Bedford Harbor State Enhanced Remedy in New Bedford South Terminal, a/k/a
Confined Disposal Facility a/k/a South Terminal Marine Industrial Park Development, New
Bedford, MA.
MHC #RC.48896.

Dear Ms. Adams:

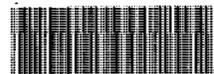
Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the State Historic Preservation Officer have reviewed the results of the archaeological investigations for Target M4/S5, located in a subtidal portion of the project referenced above, reported in *Phase II Investigation of Target M4/S5, Proposed South Terminal Marine Infrastructure Park, New Bedford, Massachusetts*, prepared by Dolan Research Inc., and John Milner Associates, Inc., and received by the MHC on January 31, 2011.

The results of the investigations identified Target M4/S5 as the wreck of the *Thomas H. Lawrence*, a three-masted schooner constructed in 1891, and abandoned, which burned and sank in 1941. The MHC agrees with the report assessment, that the wreck lacks integrity, and thus it is MHC's opinion that the historic shipwreck does not meet the Criteria of Eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (36 CFR Part 60).

The report provides interesting historical information about the schooner and its marine technology, its role in the bulk cargo coastal trade, and the importance of New Bedford in the history of New England's 19th and 20th-century marine commerce. Project planners may wish to consider developing an interpretive exhibit within public areas of the terminal, using the information in this report, such as in a poster format suggested by the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources.

Copies of this technical report may be provided to any interested parties and the public, including the New Bedford Public Library, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

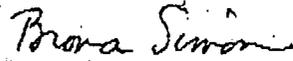
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These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800). Please contact Edward L. Bell at the MHC if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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