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RE: Report on Phase II Marine Archaeological Investigation of Remote Sensing Target M14/S5, South Terminal Marine Infrastructure Park, New Bedford, MA  
BUAR Special Use Permit 10-004

Dear Mr. Myers:

The staff of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources has completed its review of the technical report entitled, *Report on Phase II Marine Archaeological Investigation of Remote Sensing Target M14/S5, South Terminal Marine Infrastructure Park, New Bedford, MA* (dated January 2011). The report was prepared by Dolan Research, Inc. for Apex Companies, LLC, and received by the Board on January 31, 2011.

The Board is satisfied with the overall research design and methodology for the Phase II marine archaeological survey of this unanticipated historic shipwreck (Remote Sensing Target M14/S5). The resulting documentation and interpretation presented in the report provides a thorough description of this site. The Board concurs with the report's assessment and recommendations that no further investigation is warranted.

However, the area is generally archaeologically sensitive. Therefore as noted in the related archaeological studies for this project, there remains the need for the proponent to consider the possibility that heretofore-unknown submerged cultural resources may be encountered during the course of the project. The Board expects that the project's sponsor to either adopt the Board's *Policy Guidance for the Discovery of Unanticipated Archaeological Resources* (updated 9/28/06) or to develop its own unanticipated finds procedure that conforms to the Board's policy.

Finally, the Board takes this opportunity to extend its compliments to the technical services provider for preparing a thorough and well-written marine archaeological technical report. Given the quality of the technical report, the Board believes there is significant public benefit to be gained by sharing this study and its findings. Rather than suggest publication of this technical report or an adaptation, the Board suggests the project develop simpler poster presentation. Poster board type format would lend itself to ready information sharing and public engagement in the harbor communities. The Board would utilize such material in its public and professional programming efforts. It would be less costly and more useful than copies of the technical report or even a brochure.



The Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on this report. Should you have any questions regarding this review, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above or by telephone at (617) 626-1141.

Sincerely,



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Director

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