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Mike, Scott, and Mike:

The public comment period for EPA's DRAFT ARARs decision document for the South Terminal Project in New Bedford comes to an end on August 21, 2012. Yesterday afternoon the EPA South Terminal Team met with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Apex to discuss outstanding documentation that needs to be provided to EPA before they can issue their final determination on this project.

The Commonwealth's June 18, 2012 supplemental information package opened the possibility that contractor's may need to do localizing blasting to remove bedrock in and directly adjacent to the main confined disposal facility area. While I am aware that APEX modeled the impacts of proposed dredging on the stability of the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier, I am not sure if they provided an appropriate evaluation of potential blasting impacts on the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier. Do you have any outstanding concerns about how this potential blasting would impact the adjacent New Bedford Hurricane Barrier?

Please let me know if you need any additional information in order to complete your review of this issue. Thanks.

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