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## EPA announces the availability of the Final Determination for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' request to include construction of a

### South Terminal Confined Disposal Facility as part of the State Enhanced Remedy.

After completing consultation with other federal and state agencies, as required by federal and state law, reviewing additional submissions by the Commonwealth, and after careful consideration of the public comments received during the public comment period, EPA has determined that the Commonwealth's proposal to construct a 28-acre marine terminal, consisting of a confined disposal facility and upland area in the South Terminal location of the New Bedford Harbor, as well as the dredging and filling associated with that construction, including dredging and filling of CAD cells, is both protective of human health and the environment and meets the substantive requirements of applicable or relevant and appropriate federal environmental standards and, through the Commonwealth's determination, meets applicable or relevant and appropriate state environmental standards, as long as all the conditions set forth in this Final Determination are met. As a result, the South Terminal Project is considered to be part of the State Enhanced Remedy which is incorporated into the 1998 Record of Decision for the Upper and Lower Harbor at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

The Final Determination, which addresses the scope of the project, alternatives, environmental impacts, and mitigation, can be found on EEA's website, at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/ocean-coastal-management/serth/> and at the New Bedford Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA.

More information about the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site can be found at [www.epa.gov/nbh](http://www.epa.gov/nbh), including a copy of EPA's Final Determination for the South Terminal Project.



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