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Mr. Lederer,

I am writing to clarify USACE's position as stated in March 1, 2013 letter with respect to the maximum dredge depth. USACE's review was focused on two aspects: (1) slope stability of the dredged area directly adjacent to the New Bedford HPS and (2) blasting effects on the New Bedford HPS.

The slope stability evaluations that we reviewed evaluated a maximum dredge elevation of -20 (MLLW) in the area directly adjacent to the New Bedford HPS system. The evaluation stated the area with a maximum dredge elevation of -32 (MLLW) is outside the area of influence from a slope stability perspective and therefore not a concern. The dredge elevation of -20 (MLLW) referenced in the March 1, 2013 letter is relevant to USACE because of its proximity to the barrier and potential slope stability impacts.

The blasting evaluation that was performed is a function of the distance from the New Bedford HPS and not directly connected to the maximum dredge elevation of -32 (MLLW). USACE understands that blasting activities would occur in the area's needed to achieve a dredge elevation of -32 (MLLW). The elevation -32 (MLLW) dredge area is accounted for in the blasting evaluation because the distances measured from the barrier and used in the evaluation encompass the footprint of the elevation -32 (MLLW) dredge area. Therefore, USACE does not have any objections with the dredge elevation of -32 (MLLW) as currently shown on the drawings (referenced in item "c" of our March 1, 2013 letter).

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards,

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