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Bill – My apologies, apparently our preliminary research that indicated that the Corps had responsibility for the lighthouse was inaccurate. We now agree with the Corps that the City owns and operates this lighthouse. Therefore, we think it would be useful to get a letter from the City (suggest the Mayor, preferably in consultation with the New Bedford Historical Commission) to the Mass. Historical Commission that reviews Apex's calculations and provides the City's assessment of the impacts of the revised blasting plan, if any, on the lighthouse. That letter can then provide a basis for EPA's required assessment under the National Historic Preservation Act of whether the revised blasting plan will have an impact on this nationally registered historic property. We can then jointly proceed to consult with the Mass. Historical Commission, as required by the Act.

Please let me know if this path forward makes sense to you.

Thanks,

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Here's what some quick research turned up. Looks to me like the City is responsible for the lighthouse and the NB Historical Commission acts as an advisory board to the City on historic properties.

Looks like the U.S. Coast Guard had operation responsibility in the past and still lists it under its assets:

<http://www.uscg.mil/history/weblighthouses/lhma.asp> On the left side is a tab "Assets" -- Lighthouses and Light Stations – Massachusetts -- the lighthouse is listed there but is noted as

decommissioned.

From: <http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/ma2.htm>

Navigational aids in Massachusetts are operated by the [U.S. Coast Guard](#), but ownership (and sometimes operation) of historic lighthouses has been transferred to local authorities and preservation organizations in many cases.

<http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/maritime/pal.htm>

At the bottom says owned and maintained by the City of New Bedford

<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/NRHistoric/NRHP/NRHistoricIndividual.html>

City lists as historic property located in NB; also links to NB Historic Commission