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Subject: Fwd: FW: New Bedford Harbor State Enhanced Remedy in New Bedford South terminal, a/k/a confined disposal facility a/k/a South Terminal Marine Industrial Park Development, New Bedford, MA. MHC#RC.48896
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Jim,

I found our meeting late last week, and the introduction to Ginny, to be one of the most productive in memory. We all appreciate the constructive way by which we are collectively approaching the matter at hand. We believe the suggested approach is the correct course and will be following up about the next steps we discussed under separate cover.

Attached please find a letter from the Commonwealth's State Historic Preservation officer. As you are well aware, we treat the preservation of our history with an enormous sense of importance and pride. This is evidenced by nothing other than the level of adaptive reuse of previously derelict, washed out brick mill buildings in which we have attracted over \$150,000,000 restoration dollars along the Harbor SuperFund site.

The idea that the Mitchell Administration would stand by, idle, as the Palmer's Island Lighthouse featured on our city seal is put in jeopardy is ludicrous. We believe that the Patrick Administration-and the MassCeC specifically-has demonstrated that the lighthouse is sufficiently out of the blast zone and that every precaution has been taken to ensure that should, in the extremely unlikely event that, the lighthouse be damaged, the CEC will remedy any issue. The lighthouse is well outside the so called blasting area of impact and we do not foresee this occurring.

We believe that Advocacy is a critical part of our local process, and to be corny for a moment, a vital part of our democracy. However, at some point, even the most fervent, and effective, form of advocacy must be underpinned by reason. On this one Jim, it isn't.

Please feel free to call with any questions that can be answered from our end.

Best,

Matt



September 6, 2013

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

James T. Owens, III William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
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RE: New Bedford Harbor State Enhanced Remedy in New Bedford South Terminal, a/k/a Confined Disposal Facility a/k/a South Terminal Marine Industrial Park Development, New Bedford, MA.
MHC #RC.48896.

Dear Mr. Owens:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, has received telephone inquiries regarding concerns about the potential for effects from the project referenced above to the Palmer Island Lighthouse in New Bedford, listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

The Palmer Island Lighthouse was not identified within the project area of potential effect during the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) review of the project for effects to historic properties.

The MHC wishes to advise the EPA of the citizen's concerns about the potential for effects to the Palmer Island Lighthouse during the creation of the shipping lane in the harbor between Palmer's Island and the South Terminal. The MHC encourages the EPA to determine whether or not the project will affect this historic property prior to implementing the shipping channel project, and if so, to consult with the MHC and other consulting parties in order to develop measures to ensure that this historic property will not be adversely affected.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800). Please contact Edward L. Bell at the MHC if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brona Simon".

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