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John A. Bewick, Secretary
Executive Office of
Environmental Affairs
20th Floor
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202

ATTN: MEPA Unit

REF: EOEa No. 4340/Mass. DEQE - Division of Waterways
Waterfront Park - New Bedford

Dear Secretary Bewick:

We have received the above referenced Environmental Impact Report for review and comment under the provisions of the Mass. Environmental Protection Act.

As the regional planning agency, the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District finds the Draft Environmental Impact Report to be generally adequate and acceptable. It provides for the containment of contaminated dredge spoil in an area of existing contamination; it provides needed recreational facilities in a densely developed area; and it facilitates economic expansion and improvement of the region's highway network (Route 6 Bridge replacement).

We support the project as a site for the disposal of contaminated harbor sediments provided that a suitable method for treating the supernatant to remove toxic metals and PCB's is employed.

How is the timing of this project coordinated with the dredging for the bridge?

If you have any questions, please contact me or Steve Smith, Comprehensive Planning Manager.

Sincerely,

Alexander V. Zaleski
Executive Director

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cc: Mass. DEQE - Division of Waterways
Conservation Commission - New Bedford
C. Kruger, Acting Mayor - New Bedford
R. Davis, SRPEDD Commissioner