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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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RE: New Bedford Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Dickerson:

Thank you for your recent inquiry concerning the identification of historic and archaeological properties that might be affected by the proposed dredging and disposal of contaminated soils from New Bedford Harbor. Please excuse the delay in our response.

Review of the MHC's Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth indicates that there are a number of historic districts and historic properties that are located near the four alternative Confined Disposal Sites in New Bedford that are currently being evaluated by your office. The MHC recommends that the EPA conduct a cultural resource reconnaissance survey, in order to compile this information and consider the effects of the project on National Register listed and eligible properties. In addition, the MHC recommends that the New Bedford, Fairhaven, and Acushnet Historical Commissions be consulted, as well as the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800). If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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