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Subject: Fw: South Terminal -- Response to EPA May 21, 2012 and May 29, 2012 Letters

Chet -

I am writing in response to the Commonwealth's June 18, 2012 submission to EPA entitled South Terminal (Upland) ARARs Overview. In particular, p. 11 of this submission states that navigational "blasting may be required if necessary channel depths cannot be achieved through conventional means." Although the review discusses the potential impacts of blasting on water quality, it does not discuss potential impacts on paleosols or other historic properties. This omission should be addressed.

Has Apex's archeological consultant evaluated possible effects on historic properties, and has the Commonwealth reached out to the SHPO, THPOs or MBUAR to inform them of these activities? Unless EPA receives confirmation that navigational blasting activities will not have an adverse impact on paleosols or other historic properties, EPA may not be able to complete its consultation requirements under the ACHP regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800 in a timely manner.

Thank you for your prompt attention. If you would like to discuss this matter in more detail, I can be reached at 617-918-1072.

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