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John Kennelly
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RE: Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Boston Harbor Deep Draft Navigation Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Kennelly:

This letter responds to your request for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to participate as a cooperating agency during the preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Boston Harbor Deep Draft Navigation Improvement Project. EPA New England agrees to participate as a cooperating agency during the preparation of a SEIS for the project.

EPA intends to work as a cooperating agency within the limit of our resources to help define the scope of analysis, identify sources of information and to offer input on how specific issues should be addressed in the SEIS. We encourage the Corps to continue to coordinate closely with local, state and federal agency representatives throughout the NEPA process.

If you have any questions about this letter or EPA's involvement in the SEIS process, please contact Timothy Timmermann at 617-918-1025.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Varney
Regional Administrator