

Mathew J. Thomas  
New Bedford Redevelopment Authority  
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November 13, 2002

Re: Notification of loss of 319 funds, remaining MET and BBP funds

Mr. Thomas:

In your capacity as City Solicitor for New Bedford and agent for the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission, I wish to inform you that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has withdrawn Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution funding for the construction and design of a bilge oil reclamation facility for New Bedford Harbor, which was to serve the fishing fleet. DEP's letter dated October 8, 2002 is attached.

In my previous letter to you dated July 9, 2002, I advised you that we expected this decision from DEP if the City or New Bedford Harbor Development Commission failed to make progress on siting and designing the bilge oil reclamation facility. In my July letter, I also advised that the City and Harbor Development Commission use the remaining matching funds from the Buzzards Bay Project (\$5,000) and Massachusetts Environmental Trust (\$10,000) to hire an engineering firm to begin designing the facility. Completed plans could assist the City in securing future funding for the facility.

Please advise as to whether you intend to use these remaining funds for design and engineering costs for a planned facility. If you are unable to proceed, these funds will be reallocated to other grant programs. The Buzzards Bay Project must resolve the use of these funds by the end of this month.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Costa, PhD  
Executive Director

cc. John Simpson, HDC  
Mayor Fred Kalisz, City of New Bedford  
David Janik, EOEAA BB Watershed Team  
Mark Rasmussen, Coalition for Buzzards Bay  
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