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Mr. John P. Gurney, Chairman
New Bedford Conservation Commission
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Attn: Sarah E. Porter, Agent

**RE: Site Characterization Sampling
River's End Park, 224 River Road, New Bedford
MassDEP File Number SE49-639**

Dear Mr. Gurney and Conservation Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of New Bedford, Department of Environmental Stewardship, TRC Environmental ("TRC") is providing notification to the New Bedford Conservation Commission that additional soil sampling is required at the River's End Park Site located at 224 River Road, New Bedford ("The Site"). The purpose of the sampling is to incrementally identify and characterize any additional volume of soil/sediment that would require removal in order to fulfill the requirements of 310 CMR 40.0444 as set forth in the Massachusetts Contingency Plan ("MCP")¹. In accordance with the Order of Conditions (MassDEP File Number SE49-639, Special Condition #56) issued for the referenced Site, I am providing this notification and the attached figure which details the following sampling activities to be undertaken at the Site:

- Three (3) soil/sediment samples on the slope beyond the top of the coastal bank, but landward of the edge of salt marsh,
- Three (3) soil/sediment samples located within the salt marsh.

These sampling activities remain authorized under the existing Order of Conditions, since it remains valid until September 22, 2016 under the Permit Extension Act.

Soil borings will be advanced and samples will be collected by the use of hand-held tools in accordance with the Order of Conditions (Special Condition #56) and as described in the application materials provided in August, 2009. At each sample location, a vegetative "plug" will be removed and set aside, a boring will be advanced to a depth of up to 3 feet

¹ Any necessary future excavation in the resource area would be addressed separately.

below ground surface, samples will be collected and native material will be backfilled into the bore-hole. Upon completion of the sampling activities, any surface vegetation removed during sampling will be restored to the ground surface.

TRC anticipates completing sampling activities on or shortly after March 5, 2014. If you have any questions or comments about this activity, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-320-4454 (cell phone) or via email at ksmith@trcsolutions.com.

Best Regards,

TRC Environmental Corporation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karl Smith', is positioned below the company name.

Karl Smith
Senior Wetland Scientist

Enclosure

cc: Michele Paul, City of New Bedford
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