

December 22, 2015

Mr. John Radcliffe
Chairman
New Bedford Conservation Commission
New Bedford City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02744

RE: Nitsch Project #9972
1494 E. Rodney French Blvd
Review Letter
New Bedford, MA

Dear Mr. Radcliffe:

This letter is in regard to the proposed redevelopment located at 1494 E. Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Nitsch Engineering has reviewed the following revised items submitted as part of the proposed project:

- Response to Comments Letter, prepared by cle engineering, dated December 15, 2015;
- Plans entitled, "Proposed Float System, Moorings, Existing Pier Rehabilitation & Site Improvements, 1494 E. Rodney French Boulevard," prepared by cle engineering, revised December 14, 2015; and
- Operation and Maintenance Plan (revised to include Long Term Pollution Prevention Plan), prepared by cle engineering, revised December 15, 2015.

Nitsch Engineering offers the following updates to our previous comments (dated 12/11/2015). For consistency, the original comment numbers are used but comments that have been addressed were removed.

2. The response letter from cle engineering indicates that adding more stormwater treatment to the proposed project would significantly increase the scope and cost of the project from a design and construction perspective. As described in our initial comment letter, the Applicant and the Commission need to evaluate the level of proposed stormwater treatment against the construction cost, consistent with MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards for redevelopment. The proposed plan is an improvement over the existing condition.
5. Maintenance measures for the proposed porous asphalt walkway were added to the Operation and Maintenance Plan. Nitsch Engineering notes that sanding the porous asphalt walkway is not allowed by MassDEP as it may lead to reduced porosity and recommends that this language be included in the Long Term Pollution Prevention Plan.
8. A design detail was provided for the porous asphalt walkway. The thicknesses provided for the choker course and filter course are less than those outlined in the MassDEP Stormwater Handbook. However, Nitsch Engineering understands that the porous asphalt is for pedestrian use and will not see vehicular traffic or the associated pollutant loads.

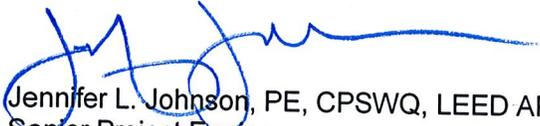
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We appreciate the opportunity to review this project for the Conservation Commission. Please contact us with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Nitsch Engineering, Inc.

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