



**Historic Preservation Commission**

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Department of the Navy  
Naval Sea Systems Command  
1333 Isaac Hull SE  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20370-0001

Attn: Heather Robbins, Cultural Resources Team Lead

Subj: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP), Bedford, MA

Dear Ms. Robbins:

This is in response to M.C. Sydla's letter of 08 June 2018, which states that the Navy intends to demolish the buildings and structures in the northern tract of NWIRP. The proposed mitigation consists of development of a detailed history of the facility.

The Bedford Historic Preservation Commission (BHPC) concurs with the proposed action and mitigation.

The BHPC has no record of contact from the Mass. Historical Commission (MHC) prior to its concurrence with the Department of the Navy in July 2017 that the former NWIRP met criteria for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the BHPC's own experience with MHC regarding potential eligibility of properties for listing, we believe that it would be extremely difficult to make the case for the northern tract of NWIRP to meet eligibility criteria. The historic importance of this site is insignificant relative to that of the nearby Draper Hangar (Hangar 24) located within former Hanscom AFB property, now Mass Port Authority property, that was demolished several years ago.

Sincerely,

J.C. Linz  
Chair

CC: Brona Simon, Mass. Hist. Comm.  
Rick Reed, Town Manager  
Bedford Board of Selectmen