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Attn: Edna M. Feighner  
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Re: McLane & Goldman Dams Removal Feasibility Project  
Phase IA Archaeological Survey & Phase I Historic/Architectural/Engineering Survey  
NHDHR R&C#2245

Dear Ms. Muzzey:

On behalf of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Gomez and Sullivan Engineers, P.C. is pleased to submit one copy of the technical memorandum entitled *McLane & Goldman Dams Removal Feasibility Project, Milford, New Hampshire, Phase IA Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment and Phase I Historic/Architectural/Engineering Survey* as prepared by Public Archeology Laboratory, Inc (PAL). The town of Milford is currently in the process of evaluating the feasibility of removing the McLane and Goldman dams for various purposes including alleviating upstream flooding, improving water quality, and providing unobstructed fish passage to name a few. At this time, the town is still in the feasibility stage and no decisions have been made relative to the fate of either dam.

PAL has completed the Phase IA archaeological survey and Individual Inventory Forms as part of the feasibility study. The documents are intended to assist the town of Milford and Project Partners to evaluate potential cultural resource impacts, and to provide the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR) with information about known and potential cultural resources within the proposed project area. The survey methodology used for the project conforms to that provided in NHDHR's *Scope of Work for Proposed Dam Removals Pertaining to Historical and Archaeological Resources*. The methodology was submitted to NHDHR on September 22, 2010, and approved by your office on October 21, 2010.

The investigations address known and potential cultural resources contained within a proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) that has been derived from preliminary hydraulic modeling and anticipated construction impacts. If a preferred alternative is selected, NOAA, as the lead federal agency for the project, will consult with the NHDHR as part of the Section 106 process to define the APE for the preferred alternative, and develop an appropriate scope-of-work for additional cultural resource investigations, if needed.

If you have questions regarding the enclosed material, or the status of the project, please feel free to contact me at 603-428-4960.

Sincerely,



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