

Special Award Conditions

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1) Compliance with Environmental Protocols and Measures

Post-award environmental reviews of the Project included consultation with regulatory agencies related to the protection of biological and historic and cultural resources. These consultations identified specific protocols or environmental protection measures. These protocols or protective measures may be either required or recommended to be included in the implementation of the Project to minimize potential impacts to biological resources and effects on historic and cultural resources. The protocols and measures are listed below.

Note that this Special Award Condition does not distinguish requirements identified during the consultations from recommendations that were also provided. MTP shall implement the identified protocols and measures without regard to this distinction and advise the Federal Project Officer (FPO) immediately if any issues arise related to the ability to fully comply with any requirement or recommendation listed below.

For each protocol or measure listed, MTP shall include the following information in its periodic report to the FPO administering the grant:

- a. Specifically where and when the protocol has been used or a measure has been implemented during the reporting period, and
- b. Whether full compliance with the protocol or measure was achieved.

The FPO may, if they determine necessary, require additional information to ensure compliance with the protocol or measure. If, at any time, MTP has questions or requires clarification regarding any of these protocols or measures, they shall notify the FPO, who will coordinate with the appropriate regulatory authority to provide the necessary information.

Biological Resource Protection Protocols and Measures

MTP consulted with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) with regard to potential Project impacts on biological resources. These Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultations resulted in identification of the following requirements and recommendations:

None

Historic and Cultural Resource Protection Protocols and Measures

MTP consulted with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Through the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS), NTIA also provided information on the Project to ten Native American Tribes. Project stipulations resulting from these consultations include:

1. MTP will continue to coordinate with the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) to provide the most current Project plans, if the project changes, so that the newly identified Project impact areas will be evaluated for archeological sensitivity and for consideration of effects to historic architectural properties and areas. Massachusetts SHPO Letter dated February 3,2011

2. MTP will submit the PAL s completed survey results for the final Project design to the MHC for review and comment. The final Project design should include scaled existing and proposed conditions, Project plans, drawings, and current representative photographs. The photographs should be keyed to the plans and USGS locus maps so that the MHC can continue to offer its opinions to NTIA. Massachusetts SHPO Letter dated February 3,2011

Mitigation Measures identified in the Environmental Assessment as being required to avoid potential significant environmental impacts:

None