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Ms. Margaret (P.J.) Webb, Chair
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Dear Ms. Webb:

Thank you for your letter dated April 21, 2016 on behalf of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council that requested review of legal and jurisdictional issues associated with the CEMEX sand mine in Marina, California. I appreciate the advisory council's interest in the issues raised in your letter.

I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter. In the future, I will do my best to provide your council with more timely responses or, at a minimum, updates when a matter, like CEMEX, continue to evolve over time.

NOAA is continuing to analyze this important issue including regulatory and non-regulatory management tools that could be beneficial. At this time, we are not able to provide detailed answers to the four questions in your letter, but the questions are helpful as we continue to analyze the situation. My staff and I will keep you and the council apprised of any updates related to CEMEX and the sanctuary.

Thank you for your interest in and commitment to Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Please reach out to me or sanctuary superintendent, Paul Michel, with any additional questions or comments.

Sincerely,



John Armor
Director