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Re: CEQR #06SBS009K

Dear Ms. Varandani:

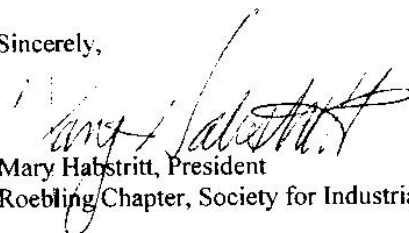
I write to you on behalf of the Roebling Chapter, Society for Industrial Archeology, which counts over 160 New York City residents among its over 400 members in the greater metropolitan area. Included in our mission is preservation of sites that contribute to our industrial heritage.

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment Statement for Brooklyn Piers 7-12 dated September 6, 2006. Under *Historic Resources*, it is stated that, "The Proposed Action is not expected to result in significant adverse impacts on historic resources, and further analysis of potential impacts to historic resources is not warranted."

Since Atlantic Basin, developed beginning in 1841, is possibly the earliest U. S. example of a European-style protected harbor, is the earliest freight terminal on New York harbor, was the leading grain terminal in the port in the 19th century, and was once part of the largest privately owned ocean terminal in the world, the historic resources are potentially more important than is indicated in the EAS.

Further analysis is most certainly needed to identify historic remnants of this important maritime center.

Sincerely,



Mary Habstritt, President
Roebling Chapter, Society for Industrial Archeology

Cc: Lisa Kersavage, Municipal Art Society
Robert Tierney, Landmarks Preservation Commission