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**THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FILE AND THE
SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
FOR THE ENGINEERING EVALUATION/COST ANALYSIS AT THE
AEROVOX, INC. FACILITY
740 BELLEVILLE AVENUE
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency recently completed an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) that analyzed possible alternatives to address polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination at the site. PCBs are found throughout the facility, including the on-site building and underlying soils. Based on the EE/CA, EPA is recommending a preferred alternative, which is discussed in a fact sheet. EPA invites public comment on the alternatives evaluated in the EE/CA.

EPA will hold a 30-day public comment period, from October 8, 1998 through November 7, 1998, to provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the selection of the PCB cleanup plan. During the comment period, the public is invited to review the EE/CA, which is available at the Information Repositories listed below, and to offer written comments. In addition, EPA may hold a public hearing if such a hearing is requested in writing, and if EPA believes a hearing would serve to clarify issues concerning the proposed approval.

All written comments on the EE/CA and/or requests for a public hearing must be postmarked by November 7, 1998. All written comments submitted to EPA during the comment period will be considered in EPA's final decision on the proposed approval.

Each of the proposed remedial alternatives includes pre-demolition cleaning of the building, building demolition and disposal, and capping of the site. As outlined below, the major difference among the alternatives is the extent of building demolition that would be performed:

- 1A All building debris, wood, and concrete floors containing PCBs at concentrations greater than or equal to 50 ppm (excluding the first floor concrete slab) would be removed to an off-site PCB disposal facility. Debris containing PCBs at less than 50 ppm would be removed to an off-site non-PCB landfill.
- 1B All building debris, wood, and concrete floors containing PCBs at concentrations greater than or equal to 50 ppm (including a portion of the first floor concrete slab potentially containing PCBs at greater than 50 ppm) would be removed to an off-site PCB disposal facility. Debris containing PCBs at less than 50 ppm would be placed as backfill within the below-grade portions of the first floor area or would be transported for off-site disposal to a non-PCB landfill.
- 1C All building debris, wood, and concrete floors containing PCBs at concentrations greater than or equal to 50 ppm (including the first floor concrete slab) would be removed to an off-site PCB disposal facility. Debris containing PCBs at less than 50 ppm would be placed as backfill within the below-grade portions of the first floor area or would be transported for off-site disposal to a non-PCB landfill.

RCRA RECORDS CENTER
FACILITY Aerovox Inc
I.D. NO. MAAD062319777
FILE LOC. Adm Record # 2
OTHER (R-8)

The Administrative Record File, which includes documents that will form the basis for EPA's selection of a non-time-critical removal action for the Aerovox, Inc. site, will be available for review as of October 8, 1998, at the New Bedford Public Library and the EPA Records Center.

New Bedford Free Public Library
613 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 991-6280
Hours: M-Th 9am - 8:30pm
F-9am - 5pm
Sa-9am - 2pm

EPA Records Center
90 Canal Street, 1st Floor
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 573-5729
Hours: M-F 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm

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If you would like to comment in writing on the EE/CA, please mail your written comments (postmarked no later than November 7, 1998) to: Kim Tisa (CPT), Project Manager, JFK Federal Building, Boston, Massachusetts 02203; (617) 565-3257; fax (617) 565-4940; or by e-mail to tisa.kimberly@epamail.epa.gov.

Any general questions concerning the Aerovox, Inc. site should be directed to Angela Bonarrigo, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at 617-565-2501.