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**EPA Extends Public Comment Period on Preferred Cleanup Option
for Floodplain Areas Along Woonasquatucket**

BOSTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today approved a 30-day extension of the public comment period regarding the agency's preferred cleanup plan for floodplain areas along the Woonasquatucket River, Allendale Pond and Lymansville Pond in North Providence. The comment period will now close on December 4. The extension was formally requested by both the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council and Emhart Industries, a potentially responsible party in the cleanup.

The proposed cleanup plan involves excavating, off-site treatment and disposal of about 2,500 cubic yards of dioxin-contaminated sediments and bank soils, as well as restoring Allendale Dam.

EPA and the Woonasquatucket River Management Action Committee held an open house and public informational meeting on October 10 to present the results of the agency's preferred cleanup plan, known formally as an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). The analysis included an evaluation of various cleanup options. A public hearing will be held at the North Providence Town Hall, 2nd Floor on Wednesday, November 1, at 7 p.m., for interested citizens to submit written statements and offer verbal comments.

During the comment period, the public is invited to review the EECA and the administrative record file, which includes documents that will form the basis for EPA's selection of a cleanup plan. The information is available at the following locations:

Salvator Mancini Union Free Library
1810 Mineral Spring Ave.
North Providence RI

Marian J. Mohr Library
1 Memorial Ave.
Johnston RI

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EPA New England
Records Center
1 Congress St.
Boston MA

Written comments (postmarked no later than December 4th) should be mailed to: Anna Krasko,
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