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Honorable Barney Frank  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
2404 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2104

OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Congressman Frank:

Thank you for your joint letter concerning the second phase of cleanup at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. I very much appreciate your support of confined disposal facilities (CDFs) as a method of isolating the highly polluted sediment from the general public and harbor resources. As you know, in response to citizen concerns about CDF 1, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently advanced a revised proposal for using enlarged versions of CDFs 1A, 1B, and 7, as well as a small percentage of CDF 10. While there are still many issues to be ironed out in regards to this plan, we remain optimistic that as a concept it will satisfy all of the many parties involved in this endeavor.

Your letter also mentioned many of the other issues associated with Phase Two of the Harbor cleanup including sediment treatment, linkage of navigational dredging, design and implementation issues and continued use of the community Forum process. Since receipt of your letter in December 1995, EPA in conjunction with the Forum has worked hard to address and resolve these issues to the satisfaction of the diverse harbor communities involved in this process. We have agreed to review advances in treatment technologies, to include the Forum completely in future implementation issues, and to resolve "first ever" navigational linkage questions. As with the CDF issue, we remain hopeful that these questions will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Thank you for your continued interest in this site and in the future well being of the Acushnet River and New Bedford Harbor area. If you have any further questions, please call me or Al Frezza, Office of Government Relations at (617) 565-3162.

Sincerely,

John P. DeVillars  
Regional Administrator