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Mr. Gerard Sotolongo  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Waste Management Division (HWM-1907)  
J.F.K. Building  
Boston, Ma. 02203

Dear Mr. Sotolongo:

I am writing to comment on the alternatives that have been proposed to solve the problem of PCB contamination of the Acushnet River in New Bedford.

I considered the eight alternatives in light of the Environmental Protection Agency's goals of decreasing the risk to public health and decreasing the risk that contamination will spread away from the "hotspots".

The best solution to achieve those goals is dredging with disposal of the contaminated soil in a lined, in-harbor containment site. The eastern shoreline of the river has been proposed as the location for this site, but I believe a better site is along the western shoreline of the river immediately north of Sawyer Street to Coffin Avenue. The contaminants will cause the least ecological damage and harm to residents if they are located there. This alternative is the safest approach for area residents and the least expensive for taxpayers in the effort to resolve this mammoth problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely,

*William Q. MacLean, Jr.*

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STATE SENATOR

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