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Mr. Lester A. Sutton, P.E.
EPA Regional Administrator
EPA Region I
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Boston, MA 02203

Re: Submission of Sites for Remedial
Funding through CERCLA

Dear Mr. Sutton:

The Department is in receipt of a June 10, 1982 memorandum from William N. Hedeman, Director, EPA Office of Emergency and Remedial Response indicating that sufficient funds are available to undertake Superfund projects at more sites than are currently eligible on the interim priority list. Therefore, states may now submit additional sites for consideration. The two categories of sites which will be considered for eligibility by EPA at this time are:

- 1) State top priority sites.
- 2) Sites with Hazard Ranking System scores of 36 or above.

Candidate sites for this new submittal must have a low enforcement potential.

The memorandum also states that the policy for eligibility of State's designated top priority sites is unchanged. In addition, States which previously designated a top priority site may revise their original designation as long as the new top priority site does not displace a site at which a Federally-funded response is ongoing.

In accordance with these conditions, I am submitting three sites for consideration. They are:

- 1) New Bedford Harbor
- 2) Lowell, Silresim site
- 3) Provincetown, South Hollow Well Field (Planned Removal)

Recent joint enforcement actions by the Department and EPA resulted in a consent agreement with Stauffer Chemical Company for investigations/remedial actions at the State's original top priority site, Industriplex 128 in Woburn. There is no Federally-funded response ongoing in Woburn and the Stauffer agreement addresses all the critical health and environmental concerns at Industriplex 128.

Based upon current information, New Bedford Harbor now represents the greatest danger to public health, welfare or the environment among the known sites in Massachusetts. Therefore, I am hereby revising the Department's previous top priority site designation pursuant to CERCLA Section 105(8)(B) and the provisions of the June 10, 1982 memorandum. I am designating New Bedford Harbor as the State's top priority site. The Industriplex 128 site in Woburn is to remain as one of this State's sites on the National Interim Priority List.

Documentation to support the submission of New Bedford Harbor and the Silresim site in Lowell is attached.

The South Hollow Well Field contamination in Provincetown does not presently have a Hazard Ranking System score above 36. However, I am requesting that this site be considered for a Superfund Planned Removal.

The Department also acknowledges its responsibility to meet the assurances of CERCLA Section 104(C)(3) for operation and maintenance, cost-sharing and availability of off-site disposal if such assurances prove necessary at these sites.

In Summary, the sites presently listed on the National Interim Priority List are:

- 1) Woburn; Industriplex 128
- 2) Ashland; Nyanza, Inc.
- 3) Dartmouth; Resolve, Inc.
- 4) Tyngsboro; Charles George Landfill

Sites submitted for consideration today are:

- 1) New Bedford Harbor (revised top priority site designation)
- 2) Lowell; Silresim
- 3) Provincetown; South Hollow Well Field (request for Planned Removal)

Please contact Mr. Richard Chalpin, DEQE Division of Hazardous Waste (292-5630) if you require additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



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