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SUBJ: Achusnet River Estuary Warning Signs
TO: Edward Conley, Chief
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FROM: Merrill S. Hohman, Director
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It has come to our attention through several sources, including the media and U. S. Coast Guard personnel, that warning signs in the New Bedford Harbor area have come down. Approximately eleven signs need to be replaced while others require repairs. Extra signs are available and Joe Marotta, of your staff, has been storing the bilingual signs for Superfund. I would like to replace and/or repair these signs as soon as possible.

Furthermore, I would like to initiate two additional interim measures. The remedial action schedule has been revised for the Acushnet River Estuary and we will not be taking a remedial action in the near future. Therefore, investigating interim measures to protect public health and the environment is a high priority. We would like to fence off easily accessible areas along the Acushnet River shoreline, as discussed previously. Secondly, it is becoming apparent that violations of the fishing ban are occurring during the day and at night. I would like to increase the level of enforcement and, if possible, initiate 24-hour patrolling in all banned area's. It may be possible to do this thru the local shellfish constable's office.

As the summer season is approaching quickly, we feel the need to expediate these interim measures to improve site security. I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible concerning these actions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 223-5186, or Jackie Prince of my staff at 223-1951.

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