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SUBJECT:
LOCATION:
POLLUTANT:
OCCURENCE DATE:
ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA
EFFECTED:

5 JULY 1985
POLREP #1, NEW BEDFORD HAR
NEW BEDFORD HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS
POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)
1930S-1970S

ACUSHNET RIVER BOTTOM SEDIMENTS AND
TIDAL FLATS
MAJOR

SEVERITY:
QUANTITY
DISCHARGED:
QUANTITY
ENTERING ENVIRONMENT:
CATEGORY:
SOURCE:
CAUSE:
REGION:
OSC:
LATEST POLREP:

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN; SOME AREAS TEST ABOVE 10,000 PPM
NONTRANSPORTATION
LOCAL INDUSTRIES
INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES

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USEPA
#1, 5 JULY 1985

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REGION I
WASTE MGMT. DIVISION

REMARKS:

I. SITUATION:

- A. IN 1982, USCG OSC FOR SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS BEGAN REMOVAL ACTIVITIES BY POSTING WARNING SIGNS AND COMMENCING STUDY OF THE EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION.
- B. AS A RESULT OF STUDIES, USEPA ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMENCED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES.
- C. USEPA CONDUCTED REMOVAL ACTIVITIES CONSISTING OF POSTING WARNING SIGNS IN TIDEWATERS OF THE UPPER ACUSHNET ESTUARY.
- D. DURING THE WINTER OF 1984-85, MANY SIGNS WERE LOST, DUE TO WINTER WEATHER.
- E. THE USEPA WAS REQUESTED TO REPOST SIGNS LOST DURING THE WINTER, AND TO FENCE OFF AREAS OF READY ACCESS.

II. ACTIONS:

- A. THE UPPER ACUSHNET RIVER ESTUARY WAS INSPECTED. THE AREAS FOR REPOSTING OF SIGNS . WAS OBSERVED, IN ADDITION TWO RECREATION AREAS (A PLAYGROUND AND A SOCCER FIELD) WERE ESTIMATED TO NEED APPROXIMATELY 2000 FEET OF FENCE.

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ON 1 JULY 1985 ACTION MEMORANDUM WAS SUBMITTED TO, AND APPROVED, REQUESTING:

1. PERMISSION TO POST 200 WARNING SIGNS (100 ENGLISH & 100 PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE SIGNS).
2. PERMISSION TO INSTALL APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FEET OF 6FT CHAINLINK FENCE AT THE 2 RECREATION FACILITIES (APPROXIMATELY 1,100 FT AT THE PLAYGROUND AND 900 FT AT THE SOCCER FIELD).
3. DUE TO PREVIOUS REMOVAL ACTIONS, THE DSC ALSO REQUESTED PERMISSION TO EXCEED THE 6 MONTHS LIMIT ON REMOVALS.

C. ON 2 JULY 1985, DELIVERY ORDER #6893-01-019 WAS EXECUTED FOR \$40,000, WITH OH MATERIALS.

III. FUTURE PLANS:

- A. DSC IS SCHEDULED TO MEET RESPONSE MANAGER AT SITE ON 8 JULY 1985.
- B. DSC WILL MEET LOCAL OFFICIALS, WHICH HAVE INDICATED THAT THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD IS WILLING TO INSTALL THE FENCES, AT NO COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
- C. POSTING OF WARNING SIGNS IS ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN AS SOON HAS THEY HAVE BEEN MADE (ABOUT 15 JULY).

IV. FINANCES:

A CEILING OF \$50,000 WAS AUTHORIZED. DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

ORGANIZATION	CEILING	OBLIGATION	BALANCE
OH MATERIALS	\$40,000	00	40,000
TAT COSTS	\$ 3,000	00	3,000
INTRAMURAL COSTS	\$ 7,000	00	7,000

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