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Dear Mr. Sammons:

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 1981, concerning the problems of PCBs in New Bedford Harbor. We appreciate your expression of concern and support.

On the matter of coordination of governmental efforts, you may know that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) has formed a task force for dealing with this problem, under the leadership of Thomas McMahon, Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control. Through this task force, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region I, is working with DEQE to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to the New Bedford PCB problem. We hope that in the coming year DEQE and EPA will be able to make substantial progress in all respects, and in particular, to improve coordination among the various agencies and agency personnel. I hope you will also communicate with the DEQE Task Force to indicate your interest and support.

If EPA may be of help to you, or if you have questions regarding the PCB issues in the New Bedford area, please feel free to contact Mr. James D. Skun, EPA's project officer for New Bedford, at 223-2006, or Mr. Charles Bering, an attorney, at 223-5470.

Sincerely yours,

Lester A. Sutton, P.E.
Regional Administrator

cc: Thomas McMahon, DEQE

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Dear Mr. Sammons:

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 1981, concerning the problems of PCBs in New Bedford Harbor. We are deeply appreciative of your concern. You should be aware, if you are not already, that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) has formed a task force for dealing with this problem, under the leadership of Thomas McMahon, Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control. Through this task force, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region I, is working with DEQE to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to the New Bedford PCB problem. We hope that in the coming year DEQE and EPA will be able to make substantial progress in all respects, but in particular, we hope to improve co-ordination among the various agencies and agency personnel. We share your concern with co-ordination of governments, and we regard DEQE's task force as the principal means of achieving this co-ordination. We therefore suggest that you contact DEQE to express your concerns.

If EPA may be of further help to you, please feel free to contact Mr. James D. Okun, EPA's co-ordinator for New Bedford, at (617) 223-2006, or Charles Bering, an attorney, at (617) 223-5470.

Sincerely yours,

Lester A. Sutton, P.E.
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