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## Environmental News Release

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BOSTON---Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Inc. has notified the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency that it will begin removing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from sewer lines near the Company's New Bedford facility by September 21, 1984.

EPA Regional Administrator Michael R. Deland said the Company's action would remove the major source of releases of PCBs to the New Bedford sewage treatment plant. This action is one of several underway in the New Bedford area which will eventually reduce PCB levels in Buzzards Bay and New Bedford Harbor.

Deland said that a September 1983 order issued to Cornell-Dubilier required the Company to remove any contaminated sediments in the sewer line between their facility and the Cove Road pump station, and dispose of the sediments at an EPA approved hazardous waste disposal facility. The contaminated sediments are located in the sewer line on East Rodney French Boulevard, between the Cornell-Dubilier facility and Cove Street.

- A separate order required the City of New Bedford to provide the Company with information on the sewer lines and to provide access.

The sewer cleaning project was preceded by Cornell-Dubilier's efforts to locate the contamination and work out an agreement with the City for entry and access to the sewer lines.

The Company expects the sewer cleaning and sediment removal to be completed within seven weeks.

Cornell-Dubilier's plant, situated on the Bay, used PCBs for many years as a non-conductive, non-flammable insulant in the manufacture of electrical capacitors and other equipment.