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February 3, 1992

Councillor George Rogers  
Office of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dear Councillor Rogers:

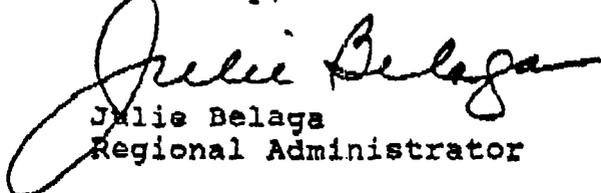
Thank you for your letter on behalf of Hands Across the River concerning EPA's authority to use the city-owned property at the end of Sawyer Street. EPA has selected this location for treatment and disposal of sediments from the hot spot portion of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. Currently, this property is partially occupied by the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) that was constructed in 1987-88 as part of the pilot study of various dredging and disposal methods.

The City of New Bedford voluntarily entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with EPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for use of this property during the hot spot remediation. I have enclosed a copy of the signed Memorandum of Understanding with Attachments A, B, and C for your convenience.

In addition, Congress has granted EPA the authority to enter and take action at Superfund sites and adjacent properties under section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(a).

I trust the above information answers your queries. If you need any further assistance, please contact me, or Mr. Al Frezza of the Office of Government Relations at (617) 565-3152.

Sincerely,

  
Julie Belaga  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Paul Craffey, MA DEP  
Michael Glinski, City of New Bedford Planning Office



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