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REGION I

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August 24, 1993

Frederick M. Kalicz, President
New Bedford City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02746

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Dear President Kalicz:

The City Council last received a briefing on the clean up of the Hot Spot portion of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site in December, 1991. The Hot Spot area is approximately 5 acres in the Acushnet River characterized by exceptionally high levels of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) contamination.

The Hot Spot project is undertaken to implement the Record of Decision which was issued on April 6, 1990, in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Contingency Plan (NCP). Construction is being done under the direct supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter provides a brief progress report to the City Council:

- Office trailers for the COE, EPA, and their contractors have been installed and are operational.
- The gate to the site is manned continuously and a record of everyone entering and leaving is maintained.
- The concrete foundation for the wastewater treatment plant is under construction. The metal structure to house the wastewater treatment plant will be delivered on August 31.
- Rainwater which had collected in the lined Confined Disposal Facility was tested for compliance with the Clean Water Act and the water was then discharged to the Acushnet River on outgoing tides during the week of August 16-20.

I would be pleased to provide regular written progress reports to the City Council. In addition, please let me know if the Council would like another presentation on the Hot Spot clean up. I can be reached at (617) 223-5522.

Sincerely,

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