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Attention: Merrill S. Hohman, Director



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Re: Use of Marsh Island for PCB contaminated dredgings

Attention: Merrill S. Hohman, Director
Waste Management Division

Dear Sir:

The Fairhaven Board of Health voted at their regular meeting, August 3, 1983, to register their opposition to the depositing of PCB contaminated dredgings on Marsh Island.

This opposition was generated after consideration was given to the following factors:

- 1) The defacto establishment of a repository for hazardous waste. We feel that once this site is used, it will be used for even larger amounts as channel maintenance is begun.
- 2) Establishing this site will effectively limit any future plans for development of this area. Because of the extreme stability of this particular hazardous waste, (PCB) you could well use the term forever when considering how long the potential for damage to Public Health might exist.
- 3) This is an area subject to inundation. To date, we have no assurance that in the event of a hurricane, or severe coastal storm, the dumping site might or might not be disturbed and hazardous waste released.
- 4) We feel that the amount of dredgeate created by the work of the proposed new bridge could be added as an extension of the North Terminal in New Bedford -- thereby not creating a new dumping site, but in fact extending a present site known to contain a concentration of PCB's.

We would appreciate further discussion on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Board of Health

Handwritten signatures:
George W. Winkler
Edward J. Mee
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