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Mr. David Dickerson
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Dear Mr. Dickerson,

I am writing to express my full support of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Operable Unit 1 – Lower Harbor Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cell - Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD).

As a business owner in the Boston area, having performed a great deal of work in the New Bedford/Fairhaven area, I am very concerned about the pace of the cleanup remedy and the impact to the environment in allowing the PCB and metals contaminated sediments to remain on the Harbor bottom causing direct contact with the ecosystem for as long as the EPA currently estimates the remedy could take. I am aware of the danger to the environment and to the food chain that contaminated sediments represent thus I strongly believe that every effort to speedup the cleanup must be made, to lessen the risks to the ecosystem and human health.
I appreciate the efforts that the EPA has undertaken, and continues to undertake, in cleaning up the worst contaminated areas of the Harbor. However, I have recently become aware that the EPA estimates that the job will not be finished for approximately 46 more years. Considering that the EPA has been working on the cleanup for nearly 30-years, I am very disappointed that it will take generations more to finish the job unless a change is made to the cleanup plan. I am pleased that the EPA is considering other options that will help expedite the cleanup of the Harbor, and I fully support the EPA's ESD to use CAD Cells in the Harbor to speed up the remedy.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my support for the EPA's ESD to use CAD Cells in the Lower Harbor. I believe that the plan represents a safe and effective approach to expediting the cleanup and knocking years off of the cleanup process and I look forward to the day when the Harbor cleanup is complete and the Harbor can return to its full function.

Sincerely,

Andy Smith
President / Owner

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Support Letter

Robin Smith to: NBH Comments 09/10/2010 12:04 PM

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Attached please find a support letter regarding the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Operable Unit 1. Thank you.

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