

September 3, 2010

Mr. David Dickerson  
New Bedford Harbor Superfund Project  
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Dear Mr. Dickerson,

I am writing to express my 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 New Bedford/Fairhaven Harbor that will need to have their property dredged in the very near future, I have spoken to some of my colleagues in the Harbor regarding their experience with the dredging on their properties and they have informed me that that the dredging in their facility has made a world of difference to their businesses, allowing them to expand their operations as well as remove contaminated sediments from contact with the Harbor water, and are very pleased with the positive outcome to not only their businesses but also to the Harbor environment.

I am very concerned about the pace of the cleanup remedy and the environmental impact of allowing the PCB and metals contaminated sediments to remain on the Harbor bottom in direct contact with the ecosystem for as long as the EPA currently estimates. I have become aware of the real danger to the environment, and by extension to the food chain, that contaminated sediments represent. Every additional day that contaminated sediments remain in direct contact with the environment, the ecosystem suffers, and the effect spreads farther out into the food chain, providing a human health risk. As such, I believe that every effort to speed the cleanup must be made, to lessen the ecosystem and human health risks.

I am very appreciative of 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, at the current rate of cleanup, 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. I believe the contamination in the Harbor has long had a negative impact on the health and well being of the entire area, and I look forward to the day when the Harbor cleanup is complete and the Harbor can return to its full function.

Sincerely,  
Arion Anezis President,

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