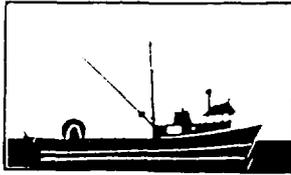


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May 19, 1993

Gayle Garmen, Remedial Project Manager
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(HRM-CAN3)
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Boston, MA 02203

Dear Ms. Garmen,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Harbor Development Commission voted unanimously to deny the E.P.A.'s proposal for construction of Shoreline Confined Disposal Facilities (C.D.F.S.) in the North Terminal area of the New Bedford Harbor as finally presented at its meeting held on May 13, 1993. Details of the proposal, which had previously either been unknown or unclear to the Harbor Development Commission, were discussed and questioned. After a long discussion on this matter, the general consensus of the Commission was that due to restrictions on the use of the fill for several years, this proposal would not benefit either the H.D.C. or their tenants. The prohibition of any underground utilities would not make this a feasible site to locate any maritime industries. In addition the Commission also notes that the tenants would lose their waterfront access. Since the property is leased land (99 years) to private tenants of the Harbor Development Commission, lack of flexibility could lead to a legal nightmare. The H.D.C. respectfully requests the E.P.A. to respond to this letter with alternative plans.

Sincerely,

Martin S. Manley
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Rosemary Tierney
cc: Atty Irene Schall

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