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RE: New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Schall:

This letter follows our recent conversation concerning the potential future use of the Herman Melville Shipyard for locating one of the confined storage disposal units for the New Bedford Harbor remediation.

As we discussed and as explained in the enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Manley, once the Record of Decision (ROD) is issued, the location and design of the CDFs will be finalized during the remedial design phase of the remedy. EPA does not anticipate the need for significant access to the property until remedial design is complete and construction of the CDFs begin. Remedial Design may be completed anytime from one and one half to three years after the ROD is issued. We expect to issue the ROD in the Fall of this year.

During the design phase, access to the proposed CDF sites will be necessary to drill bore holes to determine suitability of location and final design parameters of the CDFs. Limited access may be necessary for other studies during that time; however, we expect it to be similarly insignificant and of a short duration.

EPA appreciates the Harbor Development Commission's continued participation in the remedy development process, especially Mr. Manley's attendance at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Community Forum meetings.

Sincerely,

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