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NORTH END
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
OF NEW BEDFORD

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

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Hands Across the River
c/o Mr. Jim Simmons
222 Union Street
New Bedford, Mass. 02700

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RE: E.P.A. planned C.N.F.'s along
Acushnet River in New Bedfords north end.

Dear Mr. Simmons;

As Vice-President of the North End Business Association, I first would like to express my own personal opposition to the E.P.A.'s plan to store "untreated" dredged hazardous materials, in lagoons along the Acushnet River in our north end. Being a parent, homeowner, and business operator in our cities north end, I cannot foresee any logical reason why the residents of our community should be burdened with the health and environmental risks involved with the confinement of these hazardous substances "forever", along our most vital waterway.

Our organization is one of which assists the business sector and initiates community development projects in our neighborhoods and parks. How can we expect to attract new businesses or residents to an area that is environmentally "dead". Some of our parks and playgrounds along with residential properties are only a stones throw away from these toxic time bombs!

The President of our organization along with myself and other members, speak loud and clear with growing opposition to this feeble minded effort by the E.P.A. to sabotage the future of our children, and our economic development. We must send a strong message to the E.P.A. that a suitable remedy for this dilemma must be whole heartily agreed upon with the people, groups, and organizations that will be affected for the rest of their lives by such an important decision. I commend your organization for not allowing federal, state, or private agencies to dictate environmental policy to the residents of our city. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Denis J. Hanks
Vice-President
North End Business
Association