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NEW BEDFORD FORUM TO DECIDE ON METHOD FOR HANDLING PCB'S

Boston - The New Bedford Harbor Superfund Forum will embark on the delicate process of evaluating alternative technologies to treat PCB's dredged from the harbor. The June 6 meeting will be held at the Greater New Bedford Vocational High School. The forum will meet in the cafeteria from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

"This meeting marks a critical juncture in the Superfund Forum process," commented Jane Wells, Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR) which has been overseeing the process. "This is where the participants roll up their sleeves and get down to the task of deciding which is the most efficient and cost effective means of restoring the harbor to the cleanest and safest levels possible." The evaluation phase is expected to take several weeks.

Forum members have been hearing presentations on new technologies, which offer alternatives to incinerating the PCB's currently being dredged from the harbor, since last winter.

The Forum is comprised of officials from the city of New Bedford and representatives from the federal EPA, the state DEP, and three citizens groups. Facilitating the evaluation process is J. Michael Keating, a Rhode Island based attorney, whose selection was supervised by MODR.

The public is invited to attend these ongoing meetings.

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