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**New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site  
Meeting  
April 26, 1994  
6:00 p.m.  
Greater New Bedford  
Vocational High School**

**AGENDA**

- Process review
- Discussion of goals of selection process
- Identification and development of procedural options
- Determine selection process: set appropriate schedule
- Other business

Summary of Meeting Held April 26, 1994  
on the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site

In attendance at the session were:

Facilitators

Michael Keating  
Jane Wells

HATR

David Hammond  
Eugene Grace

Concerned Parents of Fairhaven

Claudia Kirk  
Kathleen Rocha

New Bedford City Council

Fred Kalisz, Jr.  
George Rogers

DEP

Jay Naparstek  
Helen Waldorf

NOAA

Marguerite Matera  
Jack Terrill

Downwind Coalition

Neal Balboni  
Diana Cobbold  
Carol Sanz

State Elected Officials

Bill Burns  
Senator Mark Montigny  
Rep. Bill Strauss

EPA

Gail Garman  
Harley Laing  
John McNeil

Town of Acushnet

Roland Pepin

Town of Fairhaven

Patrick Mullen

Approximately 20 members of the public observed the meeting, which was videotaped for subsequent broadcast on local cable television.

The Committee focused first on a process for the first winnowing of technologies, once all prospective vendors are interviewed. Before getting too deeply into that issue, however, a question arose of just who would make the final decision on a technology(ies), and what would the role of the Committee or Forum be in the coming to that determination. After considerable discussion, Committee members agreed that the Forum's task was to work together to select a technology(ies) through a process of consensus, with that selection thereafter being implemented by the agencies in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The Committee agreed to complete its interviews of technology representatives by May 18, and shortly thereafter, with determination of specific dates left for the next meeting so members could confirm their availability, to schedule a full Committee meeting to narrow the field of potential technologies. It is anticipated that an exchange of views and some dialogua will occur prior to that meeting between the agencies' technical people and the citizens groups' expert to identify potential

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: NEXT MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR SUPERFUND SITE COMMITTEE :  
: WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1994, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE GREATER :  
: NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL :

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areas of agreement and disagreement. The full Committee will seek to eliminate inappropriate technologies, identify those on which there is agreement about significant potential and, perhaps, begin a discussion of those technologies viewed as marginally appropriate or over which there are differences of opinion. In the last case, the Committee may decide to recall and interview further representatives of some technologies.

Representatives of EPA on the Committee laid out the anticipated process for the selection and implementation of an alternative technology. What with treatability studies, the development and public review of a new plan, amendment of the record of decision and the design and contracting out of the project, the process may take as long as 43 months, although there may be some ways to shorten various portions of that process.

The agencies announced that the actual dredging of contaminated sediments from the harbor began the morning of the meeting. Several questions related to dredging operations were raised and responded to.

DEP Committee member Helen Waldorf, who is being reassigned on an intergovernmental loan to work in Washington, D.C. on future superfund legislation, took her leave of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m. ~~THE NEXT MEETING IS~~ SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1994 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

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