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**New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site
Meeting
November 21, 1994
6:00 p.m.
Greater New Bedford
Vocational High School**

AGENDA

- Citizens for a Clean Harbor membership in the Forum; new faces
- Agreement clarification and ratification
- Dredging update
- Treatability update; development of the Scope of Work; Core Committee membership
- ROD-2 developments
- Sea Change developments

**Summary of Meeting Held November 21, 1994
on the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site**

In attendance at the session were:

Facilitators

**Michael Keating
Jane Wells**

HATR

**Eugene Grace
James Simmons**

Concerned Parents of Fairhaven

**Claudia Kirk
Kathleen Rocha**

New Bedford City Council

**Fred Kalisz, Jr.
George Rogers**

DEP

Paul Craffey

New Bedford Mayor's Office

Molly Fontaine

Downwind Coalition

**Neal Balboni
Diana Cobhold
Carol Sanz**

NOAA

Marguerite Matera

EPA

**Frank Ciavattieri
David Dickerson
Harley Laing**

State Elected Officials

Rep. Bill Straus

Town of Acushnet

Roland Pepin

Town of Fairhaven

John Haaland

Approximately 25 members of the public observed the meeting, which was videotaped for subsequent broadcast on local cable television.

The meeting began with acknowledgement of changes among personnel on the Forum. David Hammond has been replaced as President of Hands Across the River by Jim Simmons, who together with the new Vice-president of HATR, Barry Star, will be representing that group on the Forum; David Dickerson has replaced Gayle Garman as Project Manager for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site; and Molly Fontaine has replaced Elizabeth Wright as representative on the Forum for the New Bedford Mayor's office. The Forum unanimously approved membership on the Forum for Citizens for a Clean Harbor, which will be represented by David Hammond.

The Forum then reviewed and unanimously approved a slightly modified and final version of the agreement (attached), and all members of the Forum who were present signed the agreement. Bill Straus noted the significance of this unanimous adoption of the agreement, an action that hardly would have seemed possible a year ago. It was also noted that the agreement did not signify acceptance by the citizens groups of the use of off-site incineration as a back-up

technology nor the agencies' surrender of the use of such off-site incineration as a possible back-up technology. A decision on that issue has been postponed until the treatability studies are completed.

Roland Pepin and David Dickerson gave the Forum an update on dredging, which proceeds slowly. The end of the hot-spot dredging is now expected in the fall of 1995.

David Dickerson gave an update on the work of the Core Committee (the Forum subcommittee that is working on the development of a Scope of Work (SoW) for the treatability studies). The schedule for development of the final SoW is March 1 (see the attached schedule). The Core Committee was expanded to include Jim Simmons as a member. A meeting of the full Forum was scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 1995 in the expectation that a fully developed draft SoW will be ready for review by then. The full Forum will review and approve the draft.

David Dickerson also spoke briefly on the status of plans for the next phase of the clean-up of the harbor. EPA is currently working on the second iteration of the agency's plan that incorporates past public comment on the original plan. Several Forum members expressed concerns about various aspects of existing plans for the next phase, but further discussion of the substance of the plan was post-poned until the revised draft was made available to the Forum, which will have an active role in shaping the development of ROD-2.

Diana Cobbold gave a brief update on Sea Change, which is presently being incorporated and has an initial meeting of its Board of Directors slated for mid-December.

The Forum concluded by directing the facilitators to draft and distribute for comment a press release on the signing of the agreement and a protocol describing the composition, operations and procedures of the Forum for possible use in other Superfund cases.

The Forum adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1995 AT THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL at 6:00 p.m.**

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New Bedford Harbor Treatability Study Schedule Goals

1. **Distribute Draft Sow** 11/15/94 ✓

2. **Receive Draft Workplan.....** 1/15/95

3. **Receive Final Workplan.....** 3/1/95

4. **Develop/Review Detailed Project Plans &
Implement Vendor Selection Process.....** 3/1/95 -- 8/1/95

5. **Perform Treatability Studies.....** 8/1/95 -- 10/31/95

6. **Draft Treatability
Report.....** 12/15/95

October 25, 1994

**RE: RESCHEDULING OF MEETING OF
NEW BEDFORD HARBOR SUPERFUND SITE COMMITTEE**

Dear New Bedford Forum Members:

This is to inform you that the meeting of the meeting originally scheduled for November 16, 1994 has been rescheduled for **Monday, November 21, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greater New Bedford Vocational High School.**

I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael".

J. Michael Keating, Jr.

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