

Summary of Meeting Held November 29, 1995
of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site

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Superfund Records Center

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In attendance at the session were:

Facilitator

J. Michael Keating

HARC

Steve Cassidy

Jim Simmons

Barry Starr

Concerned Parents of Ralchazan

Claudia Kirk

Patti Estrella

Kathleen Rocha

New Bedford City Council

George Rogers

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Paul Craffey

Andrea Papodopoulos

Helen Waldorf

New Bedford Mayor's Office

Molly Fontaine

Resound Coalition

Diana Cobbold

Carol Sanz

NOAA

Ken Finkelstein

State Elected Officials

Rep. Bill Straus

ERA

Frank Ciavattieri

David Dickerson

Harley Laing

Kristine Laumeyer

Wampanoag Tribe

Billy Monteiro

Waterfront Businesses

Joe Fornis

Town of Acushnet

Roland Pepin

Town of Ralchazan

John Haaland

Approximately 65 members of the public observed the meeting which was videotaped for subsequent broadcast on cable television.

Before the Forum convened at 7:00 p.m., EPA set up and manned, along with members of the Forum, a poster display on both the first and proposed second phases of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund clean-up. Members of the public browsed through the display which sought to explain some of the history, science, progress and proposals for the future of the remediation of the harbor.

Once the Forum was convened, after a few words of background from the facilitator, the floor was opened to questions. Issues discussed during the questioning included:

- Efforts to preserve Indian artifacts on the shores of the Acushnet River, and Indian membership on the restoration trust.

- Wick drainage treatment and the treatment of water generally during Phase 2.
- Long-term operation and maintenance of the CDFs; who is responsible for the CDFs in the long run?
- Possibility of planting trees on top of the CDFs.
- Obstacles to treatment of the sediments.
- Impact of leakage from the CDFs, both short-term and long-term.
- Existence of models of CDFs for like kinds of spoils.
- Extent of impact of CDF on adjacent businesses.
- The differences between acceptability of CDF#7 and CDF's 1 and 1B, the impact of those differences on their acceptability.
- Orders associated with the dredging process and subsequently, the CDFs.
- Design of the CDFs.
- Likelihood of natural restoration of marine life in the Acushnet River.

The questioning concluded and the meeting was adjourned at

9:52 p.m.

The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greater New Bedford Vocational High School.

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