

Summary of Meeting Held March 26, 1997
of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Forum

13.4.43

In attendance at the session were:

Superfund Records Center
SITE: NEW BEDFORD
BREAK: 13.04
OTHER: 47602

Facilitators

Jane Wells

DEP

Helen Waldorf

Paul Craffey

David Janik

EPA

Larry Brill

Cindy Catri

David Dickerson

Harley Laing

HARC

Steve Cassidy

Jim Simmons

State Elected Officials

Bill Straus

AMEL

Joe Fornis

Ward 2 City Councilor

Paul Koczera

Concerned Parents of Fairhaven

Claudia Kirk

Town of Acushnet

Peter Koczera

Forum was provided information on Schedule for ROD I Amendment milestones. It was reported that all vendor reports on Treatability studies should be complete by May, 1997. During July and August Foster-Wheeler will prepare a draft Feasibility Report on all studies for review by Forum.

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Some discussion occurred regarding an expert panel, to be arranged by Sea Change, to review the Feasibility Report as a service to the Forum. A September date for such a panel to present its findings to the Forum was proposed with a final date to be selected when more information is available regarding the completion of the Feasibility Report. It was agreed that the expert panel would review and comment only on the three vendor treatability studies.

It is expected that a formal proposed plan for the ROD I Amendment would be ready in the Winter of 1998.

Regarding ROD II, EPA hopes to have sign-off by all Region I reviewers by September, 1997. Project staff are preparing responses to 25 sets of public comment on the proposed ROD.

Alan Fowler of Foster-Wheeler Consulting walked the Forum members through the Final Report of Ionics. He also indicated that following a review of cost estimates submitted by each vendor, Foster-Wheeler will prepare their own estimate and present that information to the Forum.

Other items included a query regarding a relationship between EPA/Forum and the Trustees for Restoration of New Bedford Harbor, especially the issue of coordination on projects in the Harbor. It was pointed out by EPA and DEP staff that they are autonomous projects but that communication and coordination is important.

It was also reported that the soccer field which had been offered to the community in the site neighborhood, has been completed.

The next meeting was set for May 21, 1997.