

Questions for Sea Change on the Proposed Remedy
for Phase 2 of the New Bedford Harbor Cleanup 47609

1. What other alternatives to the EPA's CDF-based proposed remedy are truly viable which attain the same degree of cleanup, and which are not prohibitively expensive?
2. Do you agree with the CDF leakage estimates provided to the Forum? If so, how does any risk from these leakage rates compare to risks from the ongoing day to day release of contaminants to the harbor from the sediments?
3. What is the potential to design for enhanced biodegradation within CDFs? Instead of the term "CDF", could the term "long-term treatment facility" (LTF) be used to describe these facilities and the naturally occurring processes - enhanced or not - which will take place inside them?
4. In general terms, what would be the risks to human health and the environment if the proposed sediment action levels - 10 ppm PCBs north of the Coggeshall Street bridge, and 50 ppm elsewhere - were significantly raised (for example, to 500 ppm)?
5. What is your opinion on the current viability of in-situ biodegradation for a problem such as New Bedford's?

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