

Site: NEW BEDFORD
 Break: 4.1
 Other: 47695

Brona G. Simon
 Massachusetts Historical Commission
 80 Boylston Street
 Boston, MA 02116

Dear Ms. Simon:

I am writing to notify the Historical Commission of the Environmental Protection Agency's planned action in the Acushnet River Estuary in New Bedford, Massachusetts. EPA has reached a point in our decision making process where we are recommending one alternative for the remedial, or clean-up, action in the PCB-contamination estuary. The public comment period on all alternatives closed January 15, 1985.

The proposed action is dredging the estuary with on-shore containment, yet to be selected. The disposal site will be selected during the design phase on the basis of additional information concerning the existing habitat and cultural resources. The affected area will include the entire estuary and parts of the eastern shore wetlands. (See map enclosed).

EPA would like to request your assistance in identifying any archeological and cultural resources in this area. The agency is currently on a fast-track to remove PCBs in the estuary, an area which is considered a continuing source of contamination for the New Bedford Harbor and Buzard's Bay. Therefore, we would appreciate your input as soon as possible. John Wilson and Al Randall of the Corps of Engineers (COE) offered their time to brief the Commission on the New Bedford project. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or Jackie Prince of my staff at (617) 223-1951.

Sincerely,

John F. Hackler, Chief
 MA/CT/VT Site Response Section
 Superfund Branch

Enclosure

CONCURRENCES

SYMBOL	cc: Al Randall, Corps at Waltham				
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