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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
MISSOURI RIVER DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

CEMRD-ED-TE (200)

26 June 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: CDR, USACE, NEW ENGLAND, 424 TRAPELO ROAD,  
WALTHAM, MA 02254-9149

SUBJECT: Draft Agreement Between the U.S. Army Corps of  
Engineers, New England Division, and Environmental Research  
Laboratory, Narragansett, Rhode Island, New Bedford Superfund  
Site, New Bedford, Massachusetts

1. This memorandum is in response to the 26 May 1987 informal request by Mr. Mark Otis, CENED-OD, to review the draft interagency agreement (IAG) between CENED and the Environmental Research Laboratory (ERLN), EPA's laboratory in Narragansett, Rhode Island. This agreement would allow ERLN to provide laboratory support of the Pilot Study Monitoring program for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site.
2. Enclosed are CEMRD comments to the draft IAG between CENED and ERLN. CEMRD is committed to support this project, however, we are opposed to accepting an IAG from EPA Region I to fund an EPA laboratory. This IAG will create additional financial burden upon the Omaha District (bill verification, billing, SAMS) for work performed by an EPA lab (ERLN) for EPA Region I. Under this agreement funds will flow from EPA Region I to CEMRD to CEMRO to CENED to ERLN. CEMRD recommends that EPA Region I directly fund ERLN.
3. CEMRD requests the following information from CENED:
  - a. Justification for the Corps to fund an EPA laboratory from EPA Region I.
  - b. Waiver of ERLN bill verification responsibilities from EPA Region I.
  - c. Documentation of equipment costs.
  - d. Assurance that EPA laboratory can procure equipment utilizing Superfund Trust funds.
4. Please contact Mr. Randy Petersen, telephone (402) 221-7324, if you have any questions.

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5. Reference Draft Agreement between the New England Division, Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Research Laboratory, Narragansett, Rhode Island (copy enclosed).

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Chief, Engineering Division

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LOCATION OR BASE:		INVITATION NO.:		BID OPENING DATE:	
New Bedford, MA					
COMMENTS BY :		BRANCH OR SECTION :		DATE:	
Randy Petersen		CEMRD-ED-TE		22 June 1987	
DRAWING NUMBER OR PARAGRAPH NUMBER	ITEM NUMBER	COMMENTS	SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>2</u>		PHONED TO: (Name/Date)
General	1	EPA Region I must provide justification for the Corps to fund an EPA laboratory.			
	2	EPA Region I must document why Region I will not directly fund an EPA laboratory.			
	3	This IAG will create a funds management and financial tracking (SAMS) burden. Funds will flow as follows: EPA Region I -- CEMRD -- CEMRO -- CENED -- ERLN. In another words funds flow from EPA Region I to an EPA lab and the bills will come from an EPA lab to EPA Region I.			
	4	CEMRO will have to verify and certify bills from an EPA lab.			
	5	CEMRO is required to provide a property listing of all nonexpendable property with a unit acquisition cost of \$1000 or more and with a life expectancy of two or more years. The Superfund Trust Fund maintains ownership of this equipment. Provide a listing of any equipment that meets the above stated criteria.			
	6	CEMRO has a Corps Lead RI/FS project (Stamina Mills) in Region I. EPA is directly funding a laboratory under the Contractor Lab Program (CLP). This may be an alternative approach to using ERLN.			

