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BOSTON--Sediments contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) must be removed from New Bedford sewers near the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Corporation under administrative orders issued today by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA Regional Administrator Michael R. Deland said administrative orders were issued to Cornell-Dubilier and the City of New Bedford in order to remove one of the major sources of contamination by polychlorinated biphenyls to Buzzards Bay. This action is the first step of the overall plan to reduce the levels of PCBs in Buzzards Bay and New Bedford Harbor.

The company plant, situated on the Bay, used PCBs for many years as a non-conductive, non-flammable insulant in the manufacture of electric capacitors and other equipment.

The administrative order to Cornell-Dubilier requires that the company remove the contaminated sediments between their facility and the Cove Road Pumping Station, and dispose of them at an EPA-approved hazardous waste disposal facility. The city is required to provide Cornell with information on the sewer lines and provide access to them. The City must also monitor the wastewater treatment facility for PCBs for one year after the lines are cleaned.

The administrative orders were issued under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act or Superfund.

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