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## PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW BEDFORD SUPERFUND SITE ANNOUNCED

BOSTON - The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today the date for a public hearing on the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site and the date for the close of a public comment period now underway.

EPA seeks public comments on proposals to clean up the worst areas of PCB contamination, referred to as "hot spots," in the harbor. The "hot spots" are primarily north of the Coggeshall Street Bridge.

A public hearing will be held on October 25, 1984 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. until later that evening (closing time dependent on the number people commenting). The hearing will be held at the Hastings Junior High School, 30 School St., Fairhaven, MA. EPA will accept written comments until November 15, 1984.

Both the afternoon and evening sessions of the public hearing will begin with a brief overview of the cleanup options and an explanation of the State's role in the Superfund process. The remaining time will be to receive public comments. Speakers will be asked to limit their comments to a maximum of fifteen minutes. They will be heard on a first come first served basis. Speakers are encouraged to submit a written copy of their comments, so the Agency may better review and respond to the comments. In addition, the hearing will be recorded. EPA will carefully consider public comments in choosing how to clean up the harbor PCB "hot spots."

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A Feasibility Study detailing four cleanup options and a supplement describing a new cleanup proposal, referred to by some as the "pineapple upside-down cake" option, are available for public review at the New Bedford and Fairhaven Public libraries and the Fairhaven Board of Health.

EPA's proposals for cleanup include channelizing the Acushnet River; and dredging the contaminants and placing them in either in-harbor or upland containment sites.

A public hearing originally scheduled for September 20 was postponed, and the comment period slated to close September 28 was extended to allow the public more time to evaluate the options.

Underway also is a comprehensive study of PCB contamination in the entire harbor area, including a nearby landfill.

Written comments on the options should be sent to:

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