

The Coalition for



Buzzards Bay

January 21, 1997

Mr. David Dickerson
Remedial Project Manager
U.S. EPA
Region I, HBO
JFK Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203

*New Bedford Harbor
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RE: Comments on the Proposed New Bedford Harbor PCB Cleanup Plan

Dear Mr. Dickerson,

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay would like to go on record in support of the proposed cleanup plan to dredge approximately 170 acres of contaminated sediments and contain them in 4 shoreline confined disposal facilities (CDFs).

Although this is not a perfect disposal solution for the contaminated PCB sediments, this solution will remove more than 90% of the PCBs from the New Bedford Harbor Superfund hazardous waste site. New Bedford currently has unenviable status of being the nation's largest marine Superfund site, and the public is concerned and anxious to have this situation remedied.

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay is a regional, non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection of the natural resources of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. We support the concept of containing the PCB sediments in the CDFs as long as the EPA remains open to reviewing new treatment technologies during the three years prior to capping and is willing to consider any new, cost-effective alternative technology to treat the contaminated sediments if it becomes available.

The Coalition feels that it is important to public health of New Bedford area residents and the marine environment to see the PCB laden sediments finally removed from the upper and lower harbors. We encourage the EPA to make a final decision on this proposed plan, so it may be converted into cleanup action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pamela S. Truesdale". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pamela S. Truesdale
Executive Director

