



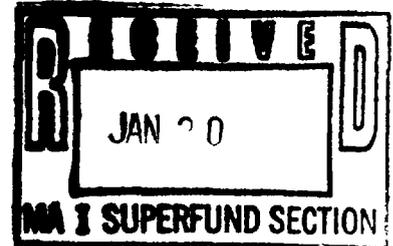
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Dear Mr. Dickerson,

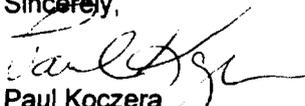
I am writing to offer my comments relative to the proposed cleanup plan for the upper and lower harbor areas of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. Although I am committed to the objective to permanently treat PCB contaminated sediments and heavy metals in the river, I offer my qualified support for the EPA's proposal to store the contaminated sediment in Confined Disposal Facilities (CDF's).

The CDF's should be monitored regularly by your agency for an indefinite period, with an immediate plan of action to correct any problem arising from such a facility. Any record of decision should include a formal obligation upon the government to evaluate available technologies for the permanent treatment of these sediments prior to the placement of a permanent cap on the CDF's.

The navigational dredging plan also involves sediment with PCB deposits above federal action levels and would make available temporary cover material needed for the CDF's. I believe that the EPA should include the linkage of the proposed cleanup in the upper harbor with the Army Corps of Engineers dredging plan for the harbor.

I expect the EPA will continue to work with the Forum during this next phase of the harbor cleanup.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Koczera  
Ward 2 City Councilor