

NEW BEDFORD HARBOR SUPERFUND SITE  
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- Fall 1982 EPA prepared a Community Relations plan based on interviews with local officials and residents. Plan called for public meetings, informational mailings, and comment periods.
- Dec. 8, 1982 Public mtg. to explain Superfund process - speakers from EPA, MA DEQE, MA DPH. Mtg. held in New Bedford.
- Feb. 9, 1983 Six page summary of RAMP sent to mailing list of about 600.
- Feb. 14, 1983-  
Mar. 14, 1983 Comment period on RAMP. "Response to Comments" - sent to mailing list.
- May 18, 1983 Public meeting - general update. Held in Fairhaven, MA. Speakers from EPA, MA DEQE, MA DPH.
- Dec. 20, 1983 Mailing describing studies to be performed, progress to date.
- Feb. - Oct. 1984 Monthly progress reports in English and Portuguese sent to mailing list.
- March 8, 1984 Public meeting - update. Speakers from EPA, MA DEQE, MA DPH. Held in New Bedford, MA.
- June 18, 1984 Public mtg. on environmental issues in South-eastern MA. Regional Administrator moderated. Emphasis on New Bedford Harbor.
- June 1984 26,000 pamphlets describing PCBs and areas to avoid to prevent exposure distributed through public and private schools in New Bedford, Fairhaven, and Acushnet.
- July 18, 1984 "Response to Comments" from June meeting sent to mailing list.
- August 23 to  
January 15, 1985 Public comment period on "hot spot" cleanup options.
- August 1984 Interviews conducted with leaders of Portuguese community to determine how to better inform and involve Portuguese.
- Copies of <sup>Portuguese</sup> version of PCB pamphlet distributed to about 50 Portuguese community contacts.
- August 22, 1984 Public meeting to explain cleanup options. Held in New Bedford.

September 7, 1984      Public meeting to explain cleanup options. Held at Portuguese community center; translated into Portuguese.

September 14, 1984      Open house in New Bedford. EPA and consultant available to answer questions on cleanup options.  
4 - 8 p.m.

October 1984              Mailing in Portuguese sent to Portuguese contacts explaining cleanup options, comment period.

October 25, 1984      Public hearing on cleanup options.  
afternoon & evening

Throughout - Documents relating to the site were available for public review at the New Bedford and Fairhaven Public Libraries and the Fairhaven Board of Health.

EPA's Project Officer met informally about six times with local citizens' groups.