



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

REGION I

J. F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

**NEW BEDFORD SUPERFUND SITE  
EPA PROGRESS AND PLANS  
OCTOBER 1984**

The complete fast-track Feasibility Study, which screened and evaluated all the techniques and methods for dealing with the PCB contamination problem in the Acushnet River Estuary, is available for public review at the following locations:

New Bedford Free  
Public Library  
613 Pleasant Street  
New Bedford, MA

Millicent Library  
Centre Street  
Fairhaven, MA

Fairhaven Board of Health  
Town Hall  
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**Fast-Track Feasibility Study**

EPA seeks public comments on proposals to clean up the areas of worst 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 PM and from 7:00 PM until later that evening (closing time dependent on the number of 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".

Written comments on the options should be sent to:

Gerard Sotolongo  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Waste Management Division (HWM-1907)  
JFK Federal Building  
Boston, MA 02203

**Overall Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)**

**PCB Transport Model and Harbor Sampling:**

- o **Progress** - A team headed by Battelle's New England Research Laboratory has prepared a work plan for modeling and sampling studies to determine the distribution, movement and fate of PCBs in the harbor and bay. The work plan was approved by EPA. Sampling in the harbor and bay has begun. Changes are being made to current models as new sampling information is received.
- o **Plans** - The first round of sampling will continue. Oceanographic monitoring equipment will be installed in the harbor and bay by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

**Investigation of Sullivan's Ledge Landfill**

- o **Progress** - A contract has been awarded for drilling at the site. A site visit and review of previous reports and information was completed. EPA ordered the City of New Bedford to fence and post the landfill to protect the public from hazardous waste contamination at the site.
- o **Plans** - Drilling to install monitoring wells at the landfill is expected to begin in early October. The monitoring wells will provide information on the extent of groundwater contamination.

## Groundwater Investigation

- o **Progress** - A study of the geology and groundwater of the New Bedford Area is nearly complete. The results will be used as information for other investigations.
- o **Plans** - The groundwater in the vicinity of the Acushnet River Estuary will be further studied to aid in the selection of a cleanup method for the PCB "hot spots", and to help redefine the method once chosen.

## Other Activities

- o **Progress** - Meetings were held with local officials to discuss whether other sites in the New Bedford area contain PCBs that may pose a threat to public health, welfare or the environment.
- o **Plans** - Sampling will be conducted at those sites considered to be a potential threat. Discussions will continue, including interviews with citizens. We encourage citizens who have information about possible PCB disposal sites or about areas filled with dredge spoils from the harbor to contact Gerard Sotolongo at the above address or by telephone at (617) 223-1951.

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## NEW BEDFORD - ZONA DE SUBSIDIO ESPECIAL PROGRESSOS E PLANOS DA EPA OUTUBRO DE 1984

O completo Estudo Avançado de Viabilidade, que examinou e avaliou todas as técnicas e métodos para lidar com o problema de contaminação dos PCBs no Estuário do Rio Acushnet, encontra-se à disposição do público para revisão nos seguintes endereços:

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### Estudo Avançado de Viabilidade

A EPA deseja que o público comente sobre as propostas de limpeza das áreas de pior contaminação de PCB, conhecidas como de "forte sedimentação" na enseada. Os "fortes sedimentos" encontram-se sobretudo ao norte da ponte Coggeshall Street.

Realizar-se-á uma audiência com o público no dia 25 de outubro de 1984 das 15.30 às 18.00 horas, e a partir das 19.00 horas daquela mesma noite (a hora de encerramento da audiência dependerá do número de participantes). A audiência far-se-á na Hastings Junior High School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, MA. A EPA aceitará comentários escritos até 15 de novembro de 1984.

Tanto a sessão vespertina como noturna da audiência pública começarão com um resumo das opções de limpeza e uma explicação sobre o papel do Estado no processo do Subsídio Especial. Durante o período restante receber-se-ão os comentários do Público. Os oradores deverão limitar seus comentários ao máximo de quinze minutos. Os oradores falarão por ordem de inscrição. Pede-se que os oradores apresentem uma cópia escrita dos seus comentários para que a Agência possa revê-los e responder a esses comentários. Além disso, a audiência será gravada. A EPA considerará cuidadosamente os comentários públicos ao escolher a maneira de limpar os "fortes sedimentos" de PCB na enseada.