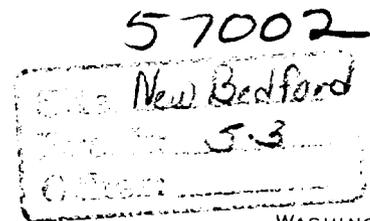


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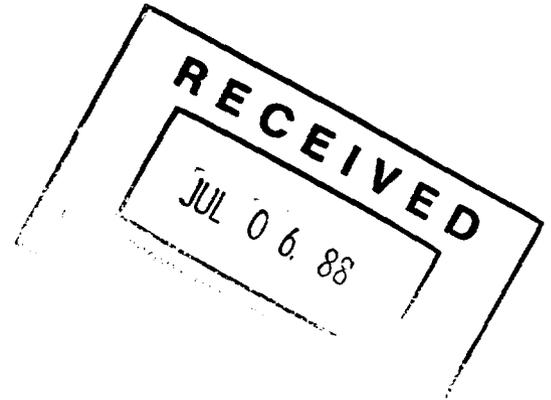


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Re: New Bedford Harbor

Dear Charlie:

During our conversation on June 28, I understood that EPA had commenced installation of the geotextile liner in the Confined Disposal Facility and had sampled sediments in that area of the Harbor without notifying the PRPs in this action as was promised in your June 2, 1988 letter to Mary Ryan. This situation places urgency upon resolving the sampling issues raised in our June 22, 1988 correspondence to you and Ellen Mahan. Meanwhile, we are endeavoring to retain an EPA-certified laboratory to do the analyses of the sediment sample splits which you have indicated are currently being stored for the PRPs. It is regretful that we were not able to be on site to observe the sampling, however.

I look forward to talking with you further after you have received the information which you solicited from the Naragansett Laboratory concerning observation of sampling and splits of sediment and water samples. Hopefully we can resolve the remaining issues arising out of the PRP's June 22, 1988 letter to you by next week when you return from

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vacation. I will probably not be in the office on July 7,
but you should call either Howard Weir or Mary Ryan when
these outstanding details have been resolved.

Sincerely,



Leslie S. Ritts

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