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Dear Mr. Hohman:

The Department is providing comments on your June 1984 report entitled, "Initial Evaluation of Potential Disposal Sites For Contaminated Dredge Materials" for the New Bedford Superfund site. In your accompanying letter, you requested that the state provide the EPA with a directive relative to the selection of an off-site location for the disposal of the PCB-contaminated materials.

The Department is pleased by the thoroughness with which the upland areas have been evaluated and with the diversity of criteria considered in the report. The Department notes that the highest ranking site recommended as an off-site, upland disposal area received a score of only 0.354 out of a possible maximum score of 4.9, less than 8% of the maximum score possible.

In addition, the Department anticipates substantial difficulty in implementing the recommended upland, off-site disposal areas in presently unaffected communities. The Department, therefore cannot endorse or support any of the five(5) recommended potential, upland disposal areas. At this time, the Department is requesting that the EPA not continue its investigation of those sites.

The Department concurs with the recommendations that the five (5) marine areas suggested in the above report (Site numbers 1,1A,2,3, and 7) be further investigated as potential areas for PCB waste disposal. In addition, the Department requests that the EPA extend its investigation to locate other potential on-site disposal areas within the boundaries of Main Street and Route 195 in the Acushnet River Estuary.

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The Department looks forward to continued cooperation and coordination with the EPA on this complex Superfund site. If you have any question, please contact Ms. Yee Cho of the Division of Hazardous Waste at 292-5591.

Very truly yours,



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