



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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July 23, 1982

Honorable John Markey  
Mayor, City of New Bedford  
City Hall  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Markey:

This will confirm our telephone conversation during which I informed you that New Bedford Harbor had been listed on the Interim Priority List under Superfund. This listing will allow the use of Trust Fund Monies provided under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund, to address the problems posed by PCBs in New Bedford Harbor.

As you know, there are a number of sites in New Bedford that may be contributing to the PCB problem in the Harbor. In addition, the number of interested and affected parties will add to the complexity of resolving this issue. We, therefore, feel that it is important to work closely with the city government which you represent.

We would like to have an informal discussion with you, the City Council and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) of the sites and issues related to the PCB problem, and what Federal activities are being contemplated. Susan Sladek of my Intergovernmental Liaison Office will coordinate this to assure that appropriate EPA staff are present. She can be reached on (617) 223-5750.

In addition to facilitate a closer working relationship, it would be useful to us if you could designate someone in the City who we can work with on a daily basis as issues arise.

We look forward to working with you and the Massachusetts State officials to address the PCB situation.

Sincerely yours,

Lester A. Sutton, P.E.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Anthony Cortese, Commissioner, DEQE

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