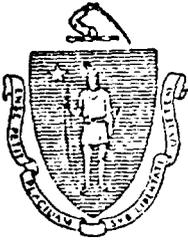


*This letter was also sent
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September 1, 1981

The Honorable John A. Markey
Mayor - City Hall
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dear Mayor *John* Markey:

I am writing this letter to help bring you up to date on the work that has recently been done on the PCB problem in the Acushnet River.

The most important development in this project to date is the super-fund rating that has been given to the New Bedford Harbor. Through extensive personal discussions with staff members of the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) I have managed to obtain a #2 rating for funding and a #1 rating in magnitude for New Bedford. Woburn has been rated #1 for funding only because their project has advanced further than ours. Ashland was being considered for the #2 rating, but we reversed that rating. The most important point is that DEQE recognized the magnitude of the problem in the Acushnet River. As a matter of fact, the problem in our harbor is so extensive that the money needed to clean it up exceeds all super-fund money allocated for the New England states for years to come.

On August 27th I met with Commissioner Cortese concerning our super-fund rating and the general prospects for clearing up the PCB problem in our harbor. Also in attendance at this meeting were staff persons from the following offices: Senators Kennedy and Tsongas, Congressman Studts, and Representative Nelson. At this meeting Commissioner Cortese confirmed our rating for monies from the super-fund. He also plans to set up a task force within his department to study this problem. Since he is a member of my Ad Hoc Committee on the Acushnet River Estuary Disaster (ACARED), he and his task force will work closely with myself and ACARED to start clearing up this problem.

Enclosed is a copy of the agenda for the September 25th meeting of ACARED. At this meeting we will be finalizing a budget to submit to both the state and federal governments for the first phase in cleaning up the harbor. The Budget includes \$150,000 to be given to the City of New Bedford so that they may assist in this project. The funds will be allotted according to the decisions of yourself as the Local Area Coordinator. I would appreciate your attendance at this meeting to help in discussing these budgets.

Honorable John A. Markey

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As the House Chairman of the Special Commission on Hazardous Waste, I have a great opportunity to benefit our area of the state. This project could bring bring millions of dollars to New Bedford. I would like to be able to work with the full cooperation of my Mayor and Senator. For that reason, I would like to arrange a morning meeting in the near future to further discuss this matter with you. At that time we could also discuss the Biocal Corporation's proposal to build a resource recovery facility in our area.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely,



ROGER COYETTE,
State Representative

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P.S. F.Y.I., Channel 5 will be featuring a one-half hour segment on the PCB problem in the Acushnet River on Tuesday, September 22nd at 10:00 p.m.