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Dear Mr. Galvani:

In response to your letter of November 21, 1984, EPA is preparing a response to your inquiries consistent with our policy on release of information relating to the RI/FS. Unfortunately, our response is being delayed temporarily because Jerry Sotolongo is ill. I am hopeful that we will be able to get back on track quickly as soon as he returns.

In the meantime, I should note that we may not be able to give a complete answer to all of your questions immediately. For example, you ask how RCRA and TSCA requirements will be imposed upon containment facilities in the area. EPA is still evaluating this question. As you know, EPA's general goal is to have Superfund clean-ups comply with regulatory standards, but the necessity of exceptions to this general goal is recognized, and we are still in the process of evaluating how to apply the policy to New Bedford. The ultimate resolution of this problem will become part of our Record of Decision. In the meantime, you should consult the standards in 40 C.F.R. Part 264, and Part 761.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Bering".

Charles Bering

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