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Mr. Paul Keough  
Acting Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA, Region I  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Government Center  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Mr. Keough:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is requesting direct financial support for the City of New Bedford for public education, public participation, and local coordination activities relative to the PCB contamination problem in the New Bedford Harbor/Acushnet River Estuary site, the Commonwealth's highest priority hazardous waste site.

The Commonwealth is of the opinion that there is a definite need for citizen awareness, involvement, and action at this high priority site. Public education, participation, and local coordination activities will play an important role in the successful implementation of remedial activities on this site. The \$90,000 public participation element in the original budget request to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for Superfund monies is only for such activities through a contractor and will not suffice to address a problem of this magnitude. This request for direct funding to the city, therefore, is necessary in order to effectively address the PCB contamination problem in the city.

Please give this request your fullest attention. If you need any further information relative to this, please contact Thomas F. McLoughlin, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering at 292-5505.

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Dukakis  
Governor

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