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December 23, 1993

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Dear Mr. Rosen:

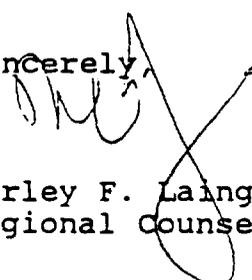
Thank you for your letter to Paul Keough dated December 8, 1993 concerning the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. Mr. Keough asked me to respond.

Please rest assured that EPA is mindful of its obligation to select and implement a remedy at the New Bedford Site which is in keeping with the Superfund statute and the National Contingency Plan. The ongoing facilitated forum with New Bedford area community groups and those municipalities which may be affected by the cleanup is entirely consistent with our obligations under those laws. Community involvement at all stages of Superfund cleanups is crucial to the success of those cleanups, and to the success of the Superfund program as a whole.

Also, please be assured that EPA is cognizant of the rights and obligations of the parties to the consent decrees for the New Bedford Site. We will keep those rights and obligations in mind as the forum discussions continue.

If I may be of any further help, please contact me at (617) 565-3451.

Sincerely,



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Regional Counsel



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