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September 14, 1988

Charles Dill  
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WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Re: New Bedford Harbor

Dear Mr. Dill:

This letter concerns our plans to meet to discuss remedies for New Bedford Harbor. After discussions with my staff, I have concluded that it is not appropriate for us to schedule a meeting at this time. Instead, we wish to obtain, in advance of any meeting, a written submission setting forth whatever comments you wish to discuss which would be entered into our administrative record. In particular, if you wish to have EPA consider the results of studies of New Bedford Harbor or other research conducted by the responsible parties, or by parties other than EPA who have not made their studies available to us, we must have proper written documentation of such studies and have it sufficiently in advance of any meeting so that we can adequately review it. My staff has consistently maintained this position throughout the New Bedford Harbor RI/FS, and there has been considerable correspondence in this regard with the responsible parties, of which you may not be aware.

I wish to emphasize that we will be more than willing to meet with you once this initial step has been taken.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Merrill S. Hohman".

Merrill S. Hohman  
Waste Management Division Director  
EPA Region I

cc: Ellen Mahan  
Charles C. Bering  
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Charles A. Dill  
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September 12, 1988

WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Mr. Merrill Hohman  
Director - Waste Management  
New England Region  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203-2211

Dear Mr. Hohman:

I am writing to confirm our meeting in your office on Wednesday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m.

The general objective of the meeting will be to review with the EPA regional management a New Bedford harbor remedial action plan which AVX and Aerovox have developed with the assistance of two consulting firms, Balsam Environmental Consultants, Inc. of Salem, New Hampshire, and Applied Sciences Associates, Inc. of Narragansett, Rhode Island.

We propose to start the meeting with a viewgraph presentation on our analysis of the PCB problem in the harbor, and our remediation proposal. Following this initial presentation, we would welcome initial reactions from EPA management and your consultants. We do not expect any decisions or commitments from EPA in this meeting. We are hoping for a technical discussion of the "pluses and minuses" of our plan compared to the other remediation options being considered for New Bedford. We have requested this meeting, outside of the legal or adversarial environment, as a starting point toward pulling together with the EPA a course of action which can be accepted by the involved parties in New Bedford -- on the basis of technical analysis and dialogue rather than adversarial litigation.

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Attendees from AVX and Aerovox will be:

1. Cliff Tuttle, President, Aerovox Corporation
2. Charles Dill, President, AVX Corporation
3. Dr. Malcolm Spaulding, President, ASA
4. Dr. Weldon Bosworth, President, Balsam
5. Leonard Sarapas, V.P.- Engineering, Balsam

In addition, we would like the option of bringing up to two more technical consulting specialists; but will not have more than seven members of our group.

If you have any further questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to call me at (516) 829-8500.

We look forward to seeing you on October 5 at 9:00 a.m. at your office.

Sincerely,

*Charles A. Dill*

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