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August 22, 1988

Mr. Nicholas Wagner  
110 Nestle Lane  
Acushnet, MA 02734

Site: <u>New Bedford</u>
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

I am writing in response to your questions addressed to Kevin Gallagher, Regional Representative for Congressman Studds, concerning the proposed plans for the Sawyer Street Athletic field, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

As part of our initial arrangements with the City of New Bedford, we agreed to reconstruct the field upon completion of our activities at the site. The construction of the Confined Disposal Facility is proceeding as scheduled and we are quite confident that our planned seeding operation will take place in the Fall and that the field will be available for public use the following Spring.

I would also like to add that we had considered the option of having the field sodded. We decided against the use of sod however, because it would require substantially more effort and cost to properly maintain. Sod, particularly during the period following initial placement, requires large amounts of water which must be applied on a virtually continuous basis. As there is no readily available source of water in the immediate area, the City would in all probability be required to install a sprinkler system. In addition to the expense of a sprinkler system, a sodded field is not as durable as one which has been seeded. To insure the we constructed a field which could be used by the greatest number of people, while still remaining highly functional and could maintain a pleasing appearance we concluded that seeding was the most appropriate course of action.

Should you have any further questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5711.

Sincerely,

*Frank J. Ciavattieri*

Frank J. Ciavattieri  
New Bedford Harbor Project Manager

cc: Kevin Gallagher  
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July 12, 1988

Dear Frank:

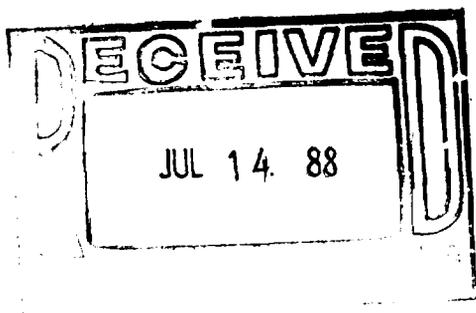
Thank you for taking the time to discuss with our constituent the plans relative to the soccer field located at the pilot study site. The gentleman you spoke with is Mr. Nicholas Wagner of 110 Nestle Lane in Acushnet, MA 02734 (617-995-1233).

I look forward to seeing you next month.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin A. Gallagher  
Regional Representative

Mr. Frank Ciavattieri  
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*Gre Frank -  
Thanks for  
keeping us  
informed about  
contacts with  
Congressional /  
Betsy*