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THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ANNOUNCES THE
RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE HOT SPOT OPERABLE UNIT AT THE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR SUPERFUND SITE IN NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

On April 6, 1990, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a document called a Record of Decision (ROD), formally selecting a cleanup plan to address sediment contamination in the Hot Spot at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The Hot Spot cleanup is the first, or interim, phase of the New Bedford Harbor Site cleanup. A Feasibility Study for the second phase of cleanup, addressing sediment contamination in the upper estuary and lower harbor and bay, is scheduled for release to the public in Summer 1990.

The selected Hot Spot cleanup includes dredging approximately 10,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments using a cutterhead dredge. The dredged sediments will be transported to an existing shoreline facility by a hydraulic pipeline, dewatered, and incinerated in a mobile incinerator that will be located in the pilot study cove area. Ash from the incineration process will be solidified, if necessary, to prevent metals from migrating, and temporarily stored on-site. The ultimate disposition of the ash will be determined during the second phase of the Site cleanup.

The ROD, and a Responsiveness Summary presenting EPA responses to public comments received on the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan, are contained in the Administrative Record for the Site, available at the New Bedford Free Library in New Bedford, and at the EPA Records Center at 90 Canal Street in Boston. The Administrative Record is a compilation of all the documents that were used to select the cleanup for the Site.

Questions about EPA's activities at the New Bedford Harbor Site can be referred to:

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