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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

J. F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

November 9, 1984

Paul Galvani
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Dear Mr. Galvani:

This is in response to your letter to me dated October 29, 1984, and Bruce Alensworth's letter to Ralph Child dated November 6, requesting an extension of EPA Region I's public comment period regarding the draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Acushnet River Estuary, to and including January 15, 1985. The Region has decided to extend the comment period to that date and will soon formally announce the extension to the public. Based on your letter of October 29 and previous discussions, it is the Region's understanding that you consider this an adequate time to submit comments. We do not anticipate granting further extensions beyond that date, due to the need to reach a decision on the choice of remedy and to commence design as soon as possible.

The Region will announce that it will continue to consider comments from the public, including the defendants, on all of the options in the RI/FS, and on any other options which commenters wish to bring to our attention. The Region will also announce that, based on the public meetings and the comments it has received so far, the Region is particularly interested in receiving comments on the following options:

The Region will be pleased to meet with any or all of the defendants and their representatives to discuss the RI/FS. A meeting has been scheduled for November 15, 1984, at 9:30 in Room 404 of the JFK Building. We look forward to this discussion and to reviewing any written comments you choose to submit by January 15. In the meantime, if you have any further questions concerning the comment period, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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