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Dear Mr. Dickerson,

I am opposed to any long-term storage of untreated PCB-contaminated sediments in Confined Disposal Facilities located along the banks of the Acushnet River. All phases of the harbor clean-up should result in the permanent treatment of all PCB-contaminated sediments and the restoration of the affected area to full use as a harbor.

A logical course of action would be to await the determination of a technology to permanently treat the Hot Spot sediment and the application of that technology to treat all remaining PCB-contaminated sediments. Such action would result in permanent treatment and restoration of the harbor to full use in the quickest and safest time frame as well as represent the most prudent expenditure of public funds on this project.

I hope your agency would decide against any long-term storage of PCB-contaminated sediment in the remaining phases of the harbor clean-up and instead seek to treat all contaminated sediments utilizing the determined technology to be applied on the Hot Spot sediments. Such a course of action would result in permanent treatment, complete and expeditious restoration of the harbor, as well as avoid any potential problems resulting from leakage of the confined disposal facility.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT M. KOCZERA
State Representative