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**New Bedford Harbor Superfund Forum
Meeting**

**March 30, 1994
6:00 p.m.**

**Greater New Bedford
Vocational High School**

AGENDA

- Subcommittee reports
 - Center of Excellence: Diana Cobbold
 - Dredging: Roland Peppin
- "Scorecard" recommendations
- Alternative technology presentations
 - Resources Conservation Co.
 - ETG Environmental

**Minutes of Meeting Held March 30, 1994
on the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site**

In attendance at the session were:

Facilitators

Michael Keating
Jane Wells

HATR

Eugene Grace
David Hammond

Concerned Parents of Fairhaven

Claudia Kirk
Kathleen Rocha

Mayor's Office

Elizabeth Wright

DEP

Martin Horne
Jay Naparstek
Helen Waldorf

New Bedford City Council

David Gerwatowski
Fred Kalisz, Jr.
George Rogers

Downwind Coalition

Neal Balboni
Diana Cobbold
Carol Sanz

State Elected Officials

Bill Burns (for Sen. Montigny)
Rep. Bill Strauss

EPA

Frank Ciavattieri
Harley Laing

Town of Acushnet

Jackie Brightman
Roland Pepin

Town of Fairhaven

Patrick Mullen

NOAA

Ken Finklestein
Marguerite Mattera

Approximately 20 members of the public observed the meeting, which was videotaped for subsequent broadcast on local cable television.

The meeting convened at 6:22 p.m. On behalf of the dredging subcommittee Roland Pepin presented a report in which the citizens' groups first denied responsibility for delaying dredging, raised a list of eleven specific concerns and questioned the need to dredge now. Lively discussion followed in which the EPA restated its reasons for commencing the dredging, acknowledged the concerns expressed about

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: WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1994, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE :
: ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON MIDDLE AVENUE :

dredging by the citizens and pledged to continue to work with the forum and the dredging subcommittee both to respond to the subcommittee's specific questions and resolve cooperatively other issues that might arise in the course of the dredging operation. The various citizens' groups reiterated that their reluctant acquiescence in the dredging process was conditioned on the understanding that the agencies had genuinely abandoned on-site incineration as the remedial technology for this site, an understanding once again publicly affirmed by representatives from EPA.

The Subcommittee on the Center of Excellence reported some progress. It has scheduled a workshop that will bring together representatives of the scientific, academic, industrial and political communities to develop a framework for the Center on May 14. The subcommittee's next session is slated for April 25.

Representatives from ETG Environmental, Inc. made a presentation on their alternative technology, which utilizes a moderate-temperature thermal desorption process to separate PCB's from the sediments and base catalyzed decomposition (BCD) of the segregated PCB's. The patented BCD process was developed in EPA's Risk Reduction Engineering Laboratory and a license for its use granted to ETG in 1991. Since then, the process has been used to clean up several sites, usually involving petroleum wastes, and has been the subject of a SITE program demonstration at a Superfund site in North Carolina. At the conclusion of the presentation, members of the Committee asked numerous questions focusing on the mechanics of the process and the risks associated with it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 1994, at Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

Directions to ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Rt. 24 to Rt. 140 to Brayley Rd. Industrial Park Exit; at bottom of ramp, turn left under the overpass; at next stop sign, turn left onto Acushnet Ave.; ahead on the left is Little People's College, opposite Peckham Ave. Take a right on Peckham; at about one mile, the road curves and becomes Middle Ave. The school is on the left after the curve.

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