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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

February 3, 1992

Programs/Project Management Directorate

Mr. George Rogers
Councilor at Large
Office of City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02760

Dear Councilman Rogers:

I am writing in regard to your letter of 9 January concerning the planned remediation of the "hot spot" portion of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site.

The Corps of Engineers has worked closely with EPA in both evaluating alternatives for the clean up of the harbor and in designing the selected alternative which includes the dredging and incineration of sediments from the hot spot portion of the site. This process has included evaluations of numerous treatment technologies, on-site demonstrations of dredging methods, and the opportunity for input from the general public as well as local and regional officials. We believe that we have designed an approach that will effectively, efficiently and safely remediate the hot spot area.

The Corps of Engineers and EPA realize and are sensitive to the concerns of local citizens and officials regarding the planned work. As the agency responsible for managing the cleanup action, we will make every effort to be responsive to the local community and to minimize any impacts to the neighborhood. Please contact me at (617) 647-8895 if there are any questions or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark J. Otis".

Mark J. Otis
Project Manager