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Minutes of Meeting Held February 9, 1994
on the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site

In attendance at the session were:

Facilitator
Michael Keating

HATR
David Hammond
James Simmons

New Bedford Harbor
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Concerned Parents of Fairhaven
Claudia Kirk
Kathleen Rocha

Mayor's Office
Elizabeth Wright

DEP
Paul Craffey
Jay Naparstek
Helen Waldorf

New Bedford City Council
David Gerwatowski
Fred Kalisz
George Rogers

Downwind Coalition
Neal Balboni
Carol Sanz

State Elected Officials
Rep. Bill Strauss

EPA
Frank Ciavattieri
Harley Laing

Town of Acushnet
Jackie Brightman
Roland Peppin

Town of Fairhaven
Jeff Osuch

Approximately 10-15 members of the public observed the meeting, which was videotaped for subsequent broadcast on local cable television.

The meeting convened at 6:25 p.m. The facilitator related again the elements of a broad framework for settlement suggested at the January 26 meeting by Representative Bill Strauss. Those elements included an agreement on the part of the Committee to begin the dredging process, endorsement and development of a Center of Excellence and a search by the Committee for an acceptable remediation alternative to incineration. The Committee confirmed its commitment to this resolution framework.

While subcommittees on dredging and the Center of Excellence were assembled since the last general meeting, they were unable, due to illness and absence, to get together to complete their assignments. A number of dredging operational concerns was raised, and the agencies pledged to review and respond to them before the next subcommittee meeting on March 1. The Committee, meanwhile, consented to EPA's undertaking preliminary measures for the dredging process, with the understanding that the operational and safety concerns of the Subcommittee on Dredging would be addressed promptly, and all such issues resolved at the March 1 meeting.

: NEXT MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR SUPERFUND SITE COMMITTEE :
: WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1994, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE GREATER :
: NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL :



The Committee also clarified that the search for alternatives for remediation of the sludge dredged from the hot spots would be conducted by the Committee forthwith, both independently of and simultaneously with efforts to develop the Center for Excellence.

The Committee then discussed a schedule for future meetings. The next session was scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, at which EPA and DEP will describe briefly the process and criteria for selection of a remediation technology and indicate the reasons for their selection of incineration. The citizens' groups and others from the Committee will follow with a presentation on their concerns about and objections to the use of incineration.

The Committee then set a schedule for the presentation of alternative remediation technologies, as follows:

Wednesday, March 9:	Greater New Bedford Vocational High School
Wednesday, March 30:	Greater New Bedford Vocational High School
Wednesday, April 6:	Greater New Bedford Vocational High School
Wednesday, April 13:	To Be Announced

After some discussion of the order of presentations, the Committee directed the facilitator to develop a schedule of presentations and to contact the appropriate individuals and/or companies to inform them of that schedule.

The Committee also addressed failed efforts to date to get the sessions already videotaped shown on local cable television outlets. After some discussion, Councilman George Rogers and Fred Kalisz agreed to work with Claudia Kirk to resolve this issue and make sure that tapes are available and broadcasted promptly.

The citizens' groups announced their intantion to utilize several experts with differnt and appropriate areas of expertise to assist them in reviewing the alternative technologies, and declined to accept EPA funding to obtain such assistance, at least for the present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR SUPERFUND SITE COMMITTEE WILL CONVENE AT 6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1994 AT THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.