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Minutes of Meeting Held January 26, 1994  
on the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site

In attendance at the session were:

Facilitator  
Michael Keating  
Jane Wells

FATR  
Eugene Grace  
David Hammond

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Concerned Parents of Fairhaven  
Claudia Kirk  
Kathleen Rocha

Mayor's Office  
Elizabeth Wright

DEP  
Paul Craffey  
Jay Naparstek  
Helen Waldorf

NOAA  
Marguerite Matera  
Ken Finklestein

Downwind Coalition  
Neal Balboni  
Diana Cabbold  
Carol Sanz

New Bedford City Council  
David Gerwatowski  
George Kalisz

EPA  
Gail Garmon  
Harley Laing

State Elected Officials  
Rep. Bill Strauss

Town of Fairhaven  
Jeff Osuch

Town of Acushnet  
Jackie Brightman  
Roland Peppin

Approximately 20-30 members of the public observed the meeting, which was videotaped for subsequent broadcast on local cable television.

The meeting convened at 6:27 p.m., with a review of the process to date.

The citizens' groups made a presentation of their proposal for a Center of Excellence, a joint government, university, industry and citizen undertaking that would be created to test and develop an array of alternative technologies for the control and remediation of PCB and heavy metals contamination. Jeffrey C. Bates, an environmental attorney from Goodwin, Procter & Hoar in Boston, described for the Committee the Waterloo Centre for Groundwater Research in Ontario, a potential model for the effort in New Bedford to create a PCB-related research entity, and indicated some of the advantages of establishing such a center here.

: Next meeting of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Committee :  
: 6:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1994, at the Greater New :  
: Bedford Vocational High School :



Both EPA and DEP expressed support for the concept, while pointing out some problems that must be addressed and overcome if the center is to be implemented successfully.

The agencies then provided their critique of the technologies presented during the Committee's January 12, 1994 meeting for dealing with the hot spots in situ. While voicing specific concerns about the effectiveness and safety of the use of each of the technologies, the agencies noted that all three could be more safely tested and applied if the sediments from the hot spot were dredged and placed in the CDF. Representatives from the companies sponsoring the technologies took exception to some of the agencies' specific criticisms of their respective approaches, but conceded that dredging and the placement of the dredged sediments in the CDF did not preclude the application of their technologies, and, indeed, might enhance their application.

This discussion led to further dialogue on dredging, with the representatives of Acushnet once again voicing their concerns over safety measures associated with dredging plans and operations. The Committee also identified during this discussion a broad framework for moving the Committee's work forward. The elements of the framework include an agreement on the part of the Committee to begin the dredging process, with the understanding that a subcommittee will work together to make sure that safety concerns over dredging have been met; the agencies will support the development of a Center of Excellence, and another subcommittee will begin immediately the planning and coordination necessary to plan and promote such a center; and the agencies pledge to engage seriously in the search for technologies for dealing with the PCB's from the hot spots that do not involve incineration. Members of the Committee agreed to form the subcommittees described above forthwith and, at their next meeting, after they have had an opportunity to digest and perhaps refine the elements of the framework for agreement identified thus far, attempt to reach closure on this approach to settlement.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the citizens' groups presented Committee members with a list of 13 potential alternative technologies, including the Center of Excellence.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Committee will convene at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 1994 at the Greater New Bedford Vocational High School.

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Meeting  
January 26, 1994  
6:00 p.m.  
Greater New Bedford  
Vocational High School**

**AGENDA**

- Review of process
- Center of Excellence: introduction, review and questions
- Review of technologies introduced on January 12:
  - Millgard Environmental Corp.
  - CJH Environmental, Inc.
- Development of array of options
- Status of engagement of a technical consultant to the citizens' groups
- Confirmation of schedule

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