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Re: New Bedford Harbor; Split Sampling

Dear Counsel:

This is in response to your letter of August 25, 1988 concerning split sampling. In our letter of July 15, we proposed to split three water samples, one from each of three locations which will be done on the same day, and, we will proceed to do so. We did not contemplate splitting samples on three separate days, as you requested in you August 25 letter, and we will not expand the effort to include the additional work you request. We are prepared to go ahead with the sediment cores and the mussel split, as outlined in the July 15th letter. Please let us know as soon as possible where you want the splits sent.

I am enclosing a copy of Narragansett Laboratory's July, 1987, progress report, which includes written descriptions of its protocols and methods. We believe these should be sufficient to inform you of the methods to be used. Because of the importance of maintaining a written record, we request that you review these reports, and if you have further questions, then send us those questions in writing.

Finally, your reference to "the revised pilot dredging study workplan" is unclear. The plan already produced to you has not been substantially revised. My understanding is that minor changes were made in November, 1987, and a copy reflecting those changes is being sent to Rizzo Associates under another cover.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure

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