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Charles A. Dill, President  
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Dear Mr. Dill:

This letter will confirm our agreement to have a second meeting concerning your remediation proposal. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 1988 at 1:30 P.M. in Room 1900A of the J.F.K. Federal Building.

I have invited representatives from EPA's wetlands group to the meeting. In addition to investigating the impacts on wetlands we need, I believe, to discuss further the following areas:

1. The effectiveness of the proposed cap thickness to prevent PCB/metals escape, withstand bioturbation and scouring. What is the depth of cap needed to be placed during construction to get the effective depth required?
2. The acceptability of capping the most highly concentrated "hot spot" areas.
3. The impact any capping alternative would have on subsequent development of the area above the Coggeshall Bridge. Can any construction within the capped area be allowed? How?
4. The impacts of building a dam at the Coggeshall Bridge. What effects on combined sewers, flood control?
5. Refinement of cost estimates both for construction as well as operation and maintenance. Our initial reaction is that your estimates are low and optimistic as to time required for construction.

The above comments are my own. As I get comments from the other reviewers I will try to get them to you before the meeting.

Once again, I wish to emphasize that should EPA decide to further consider the capping alternate as part of its ongoing Feasibility Studies then the alternate must be put to the same level of technical scrutiny as any other under consideration. Additionally, the proposal must be presented in the Feasibility Study and go through the same internal and public review process as the other alternates.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the meeting please call me at 617-573-5711.

Sincerely yours,

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