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**SUBJECT: Shoreline/saltmarsh remediation in Fairhaven, MA slated to begin in January 2021 as part of the New Bedford Harbor PCB Cleanup**

Dear Resident,

I am writing to let you know that the next area to be remediated as part of the Superfund Harbor cleanup is the shoreline/saltmarshes in Fairhaven from approximately Pleasant Street to Veranda Avenue. This cleanup work is scheduled to last from January to July 2021 and is a continuation of similar shoreline remediation performed in 2020 in both New Bedford and Acushnet. This work is being performed pursuant to the 1998 Record of Decision (ROD) for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, which can be found on-line at [www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor](http://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor), along with the remedial work plans for this area.

The attached map shows the areas to be remediated in this next phase of work, as well as the access roads and staging areas that will be required. Note that a *temporary* earthen berm will be constructed at the mouth of the Veranda Ave Inlet; this will allow for quicker removal of sediments by keeping out tidewater. Storm water from inland areas will be pumped over the berm, and an emergency spillway will ensure that flooding of adjacent areas does not occur.

Once all the PCB-contaminated shoreline sediment and soils above the ROD's cleanup levels have been excavated and disposed off-site, impacted areas will be backfilled with clean topsoil and planted with thousands of native saltmarsh grasses, trees and shrubs.

As with all the Harbor cleanup performed to date, air monitoring will be performed to ensure that the work is being performed safely. This air monitoring can be found on-line at [www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor](http://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor).

The active work hours for this effort will be from approximately 7am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Safety meetings and engine start-up will take place from 6:30am to 7am, but active construction noise is not to occur during this timeframe.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [dickerson.dave@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.dave@epa.gov) or at 781 526 7383 should you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: map of shoreline area to be remediated