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**Subject:** FW: EPA, Region 1, Insufficient Settlement To Remove All PCB Sediments Offsite

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To: Lisa P. Jackson  
EPA Chief Administrator

Hands Across the River Coalition has reviewed the EPA Settlement amount of \$366,250,000.00 for the cleanup of New Bedford Harbor's Superfund Site. This figure is grossly inadequate for the complete removal of all PCB sediments offsite to a TSCA approved landfill. By burying 300,000 cy of PCB sediments in our lower harbor and placing more PCB sediments in CDF's along the shoreline keeps this deadly material in our waterway and will contaminate our air while removing the PCB sediments to a CAD cell. This will have a long term health impact on our community now and in the future.

The EPA was in a prime position to negotiate sufficient monies from AVX, the responsible party, to cover complete removal of all PCB sediments offsite. In addition, this amount of money will not cover ever increasing costs over the proposed next several years to do this work.

H.A.R.C. has not been receiving any communication from Region 1, informing of us of all meetings regarding the harbor including press conferences. We have not received any emails from them at all. We are an environmental justice organization with P.A.C.E. as our fiscal sponsor and have been active with this site for over 25 years. We have not been included in any of the negotiations with AVX for sufficient funding for complete cleanup of our harbor. How does this follow the EJ order given to the EPA when we represent a large EJ community?

We look forward to your immediate assistance with this matter. Thank you.

Cordially,

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