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From: Karen Vilandry <kav704@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Re: New Bedford Harbor CAD cell review update

Hello Everyone,

There you have it! Still another expert who has reviewed the air assessments of the EPA as insufficient and even outdated. This is not protective of human health as they are ordered to do under Environmental Justice or any other federally mandated law.

Please be reminded, the EPA has also allowed the MA DEP to bury over 50 PPM and even 100 PPM of PCB contaminated sediments in their DEP CAD cells near Popes Island from mechanically dredging the lower harbor for the navigational dredging project. This information was/is not released to the public and the dredge site uses no air monitors there or along the journey to the CAD cells. Ironically, I have just learned of still another cancer cluster along Fort Street in Fairhaven, MA which parallels the harbor. You can't argue that this is coincidental.

The proposed South Terminal Project will again use a mechanical dredge to remove PCB sediments from that area on the north side of the hurricane barrier. That will be another DEP CAD cell constructed to hold this deadly material making it number 5 CAD cell.

Still remaining is the large acreage of PCB sediments buried in the harbor near Cornell Dubilier lightly covered with sand which sways with the tides. This was the test CAD cell or depression. Directly across the harbor to Fairhaven is the Sconticut Neck Road area extending off which Manhattan Avenue and all streets along and leading to the harbor have yet another cancer cluster. Pay attention to this. The mechanical dredging that took place carrying over the PCB sediments to the Cornell Dubilier area didn't occur without consequences. Was there an air monitor and if so, was it also outdated? The EPA uses no air monitors on the Fairhaven side south of the Route 6 bridge. They don't seem to be concerned about prevailing winds leading to that area or even the high school in Fairhaven, one

block away from the harbor near the Route 6 bridge.

In view of the \$366 million settlement proposed by AVX to forever remove them from further litigation, that figure is grossly inadequate to remove all PCB sediments from the harbor to a TSCA approved offsite landfill. We cannot have this deadly material buried in our river forever nor can we allow the EPA to bury us by knowingly contaminating our air and water with this method of disposal into a CAD cell.

Cordially,

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Subject: New Bedford Harbor CAD cell review update

Hello All –

I want to provide you with an update on our technical review of the EPA's lower harbor CAD cell. The EPA has released the design plans for the CAD cell (see below). Dr. Frank Bohlen is currently reviewing the design plans. In addition, we have received Dr. Noelle Selin's review of EPA's air risk analysis. I've attached her review and a summary of her review that we prepared.

In the wake of EPA's announcement of a settlement with AVX, we need to move quickly to complete our review of the CAD. We are working to connect EPA's technical experts with ours in order get responses from the EPA on the issues we are raising. We will make sure to pass on that information as we receive it. At this point we are planning to do that primarily via email rather than meetings.

EPA's CAD Cell design plans are available under the headings Technical Workgroup Documents, EPA CAD cell docs at:

<http://www.epa.gov/nbh/lhcadcell.html#TechnicalWorkgroupDocuments>

The EPA is accepting comments on the CAD cell design plans until November 28, 2012.

Kind regards,
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