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November 9, 2012

Karen A. Vilandry
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Re: New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site—October 24, 2012 and November 1, 2012
Emails to EPA and Others

Dear Ms. Vilandry:

EPA Region 1 is writing in response to your emails to EPA and others, dated October 24, 2012, and November 1, 2012, regarding the governments' settlement with AVX Corp. that was lodged with the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts on October 10, 2012. On October 25, 2012, EPA Region 1 sent you a letter in response to your October 10, 2012 letter to EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, indicating that while your letter was submitted before the public comment period, we have forwarded a copy to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and that it will be considered along with other comments submitted during the public comment period. With respect to your October 24th and November 1st emails, they were not submitted to the official DOJ email address for public comments on the settlement with AVX. However, we have also forwarded copies of these emails to DOJ, and they will be considered along with other comments submitted during the public comment period.

As EPA Region 1's October 25th letter was sent out the day after your October 24th email, I am enclosing a copy of the October 25th letter, along with the two enclosed sets of frequently asked questions (FAQs), for your reference.

Please contact Kelsey O'Neil, Community Involvement Coordinator, at 617-918-1003 or 857-998-0226 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Man Chak Ng".

Man Chak Ng
Senior Enforcement Counsel

Enclosures

cc (via email): Curt Spalding, Regional Administrator