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Good Afternoon,

Please find the document for public comment regarding AVX corporation settlement attached as a .pdf.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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Thank you,

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Re: United States and Massachusetts v. AVX Corporation, D.J. Ref. No. 90- 11- 2- 32/2

Dear Ms. Moreno,

New Bedford has always been defined by its water. Our entire history has developed, matured, and succeeded around our harbor and shoreline. Our recent past has been defined by the pressing need to make our waters safer and again more accessible for our citizens.

As employers that represent more than 3,000 workers in the area of the greatest environmental impact we know firsthand that it is critical for New Bedford to create a safe, diverse and productive waterfront, and as such we support and fully endorse the AVX settlement. It is crucial that we now move forward and define an integrated remedy to the PCB problem, and compress the time frame for reaching the chosen result.

Certainly, one key component to the clean-up of our harbor is the continued and responsible use of Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cells as is suggested by the EPA. For the 10th year in a row New Bedford was the top-grossing fishing port in the country with 60,000,000 tons offloaded annually. This represents \$281.5M in product and a \$1 billion economic impact. The 500 fishing vessels, cruise ships, recreational vessels, and cargo transports that call New Bedford their home-port, benefit daily from the navigational dredging made possible by the use of CAD Cells. The New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal is the first facility in the nation designed to be dedicated to the support of the offshore wind industry. It represents a \$70 Million investment that could not be constructed without the use of a CAD Cell. The construction of the terminal will result in hundreds of new jobs and nearly 1,000 long term jobs will be created in the development and operations of offshore wind farms. Further, it opens a new chapter in our City's history by placing our City at the forefront of our nation's clean energy future.

Maritime activity in New Bedford Harbor; exemplified by the industrious efforts of the 4,000 people working on the waterfront; keep New Bedford on the map as a leader in the maritime world. This highly competitive industry demands immediate cohesive solutions that keep our City at the forefront.

The impact of an efficient, environmentally sound clean-up in our harbor cannot be overemphasized. It significantly impacts, by further example, the Upper Harbor mill redevelopment, with more than \$78 Million in private investment. This emerging area has resulted in over 400 construction jobs in the New Bedford, and over 760,000 square feet of real estate in our most historic structures. The clean-up can help expand the ongoing efforts to make the waterfront part of the daily lives of people in these neighborhoods.

The AVX settlement gives the EPA and the City an opportunity to fashion a detailed integrated response

to our harbor clean-up that can serve the safety, economic concerns, and quality of life issues of our entire community.

It is an opportunity that cannot be passed by.

Sincerely,

David Slutz

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