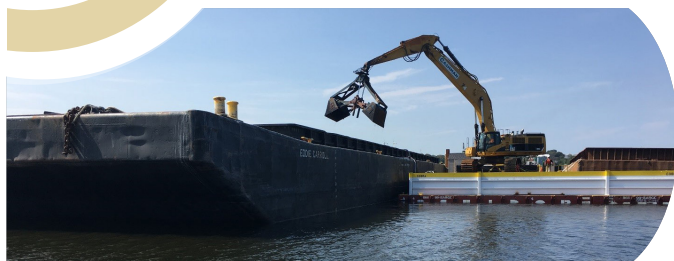


# New Bedford Harbor New Bedford, MA

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**THE SUPERFUND PROGRAM** protects human health and the environment by investigating and cleaning up often-abandoned hazardous waste sites and engaging communities throughout the process. Many of these sites are complex and need long-term cleanup actions. Those responsible for contamination are held liable for cleanup costs. EPA strives to return previously contaminated land and groundwater to productive use.

## SITE UPDATE:

Cleanup activities continue at the New Bedford Harbor site. Sediments in certain shoreline areas are contaminated with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) as a result of past industrial discharges in the harbor. EPA will continue conducting cleanup activities along certain shoreline areas of the harbor during 2018.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The next such area to be remediated is shown in the photo below, which is a small saltmarsh at the end of North Street in Fairhaven. The remediation process will be the same as that undertaken at nearby Marsh Island in 2017. Sediments contaminated with PCBs will be removed and disposed at a licensed off-site landfill, and the saltmarsh will be restored to original conditions. Approximately six to twelve trucks a day will be required to transport the excavated sediment up Main Street to EPA's Sawyer Street facility in

New Bedford for processing and loading on to larger trucks. Air monitoring will be performed throughout the project to ensure the work is being performed safely.

The saltmarsh area in Fairhaven shown below, at the end of North Street, will be remediated and restored May - July 2018. This cleanup is being done by the USEPA and the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

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