

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Memorandum

Date: May 11, 2021

Subject: Completion of RA-9 (Upper Harbor Sediment Caps); New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site

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The April 2021 “*Final Upper Harbor Sediment Caps Remedial Action Report*” for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site in New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, and Acushnet, MA is available in SEMS, and on the project web site at <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/01/653811.pdf>. The report was prepared by Jacobs Engineering, with review by EPA and MassDEP, under contract to the US Army Corps of Engineers with funding provided under an Interagency Agreement with EPA.

The report certifies that the Remedial Action to address those PCB-contaminated sediments in the Upper Harbor which could not be removed via dredging (e.g., due to heavy debris or abutting infrastructure) has been completed. Placement/construction of these seven Upper Harbor caps occurred from August 2021 through December 2020. A final inspection by EPA occurred on February 26, 2021; only one minor action item was observed (minor riverbank slope improvements at the former Area C dock abutting the shoreline pilot CDF cap) that is being addressed as part of the Area C demobilization.

The RA Report provides: a Site History; a description of the Remedial Design; a description of the sediment cap implementation; a description of construction quality control measures; and the documentation, findings and analyses which were utilized to demonstrate that the construction of this sediment cap remedy is complete.

EPA has determined that the Upper Harbor sediment cap remedial action (site RA #9) at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site is complete and complies with all federal and state regulatory requirements. I recommend that you sign this memorandum to indicate EPA's acceptance of this as documentation that the New Bedford Harbor Upper Harbor sediment caps Remedial Action is complete.

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