



Potential for Future Use New Bedford Harbor and Waterfront Properties

New Bedford, Massachusetts 02744



Images from left to right: Dredging activities, cleanup of New Bedford Harbor shoreline and scientists studying sediment cores.

Site Name: New Bedford Superfund Site

Size: 18,000 acres

Existing Site Infrastructure: All major types of infrastructure are located on site.

Readiness for Reuse: EPA's Superfund cleanup work, in concert with state-sponsored navigational dredging, facilitates both redevelopment and environmental protection. Cleanup of shoreline contamination will be coordinated with the city's construction of a recreational riverwalk. Marine terminal construction is coordinated with environmental cleanup. Additional riverside redevelopment opportunities will exist as cleanup is completed.

Use Restrictions: Restrictions limit consumption of fish, shellfish and lobster in and around the harbor until contaminant levels decrease.

SETTING:

- The site extends from the northern reaches of the Acushnet River estuary south through the commercial harbor of New Bedford and into parts of Buzzards Bay.
- Site surroundings include New Bedford harbor, area communities, the Acushnet River estuary and Buzzards Bay.
- Site areas are zoned for commercial, residential, industrial, recreational and conservation land uses.
- Surrounding population: 0.5 mile, 1,013 people
2.5 miles, 90,752 people | 4 miles, 121,301 people.

REMEDIAL STATUS:

- Companies produced electric devices on site from 1940 to the late 1970s.
- Two manufacturing facilities improperly disposed of industrial wastes containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), contaminating the harbor bottom for about 6 miles from the Acushnet River into Buzzards Bay.
- EPA has developed the final, sitewide cleanup plan. Cleanup is ongoing.
- Dredging and off-site disposal of PCB-contaminated sediment will be completed in about five years.

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