



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
SCOTT W. LANG, MAYOR

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Kimberly N. Tisa, PCB Coordinator
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RE: Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Remediation Notification Letter
New Bedford High School Release Abatement Measure Plan
230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dear Ms. Tisa:

This letter serves as notification that the City of New Bedford (City) will conduct a risk-based disposal action to remove PCB Remediation Waste and PCB Bulk Product Waste at the New Bedford High School (NBHS) property located at 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, Massachusetts. The removal will take place beginning June 30, 2011. This disposal activity will be carried out as described in the previously submitted *Removal and Abatement Plan, New Bedford High School Building interior PCB Removal & Abatement Plan*, March 2011 and the *Response to EPA Comments*, June 17, 2011 letter. The activity will include the following:

- Removal of greater than or equal to (\geq) 50 parts per million (ppm) PCB paint (via chemical stripping) located on exterior structural concrete walls located in rooms B-230, A-211-3, and A-213-4;
- Encapsulation of the exterior structural concrete walls located in room B-230, A-211-3, and A213-4 with paint and a new "false" wall in the event the PCB cleanup standard of less than or equal to (\leq) 1 ppm cannot be met;
- Removal and disposal of approximately 1,320 polyurethane foam seats in the main auditorium as a less than ($<$) 50 ppm PCB waste in a non-hazardous waste landfill; and,
- Removal and disposal of approximately 2,946 PCB-impacted fluorescent light fixtures as a \geq 50 ppm PCB waste, as well as remaining PCB ballasts.

Confirmatory sampling of porous surfaces (plywood seat backs and concrete block walls) will be conducted as described in the Removal and Abatement Plan and the subsequent

Response to EPA Comments. The sampling will be performed in accordance with TRC's site-specific health and safety plan (HASp), which outlines the anticipated hazards associated with above referenced properties.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-991- 6188.

Sincerely,



Scott Alfonse
Director, Department of Environmental Stewardship

cc. Molly Cote, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (by electronic PDF)
Cheryl Henlin, City of New Bedford (by electronic PDF)
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