

State of Connecticut
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

October 12, 2010

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
c/o Sally M. Rigione, Community Relations Advisor
New England District
696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742-2751

**Re: Proposed Maintenance Dredging of the Federal Navigation Channel in
Bridgeport Harbor in Bridgeport, CT**

Dear Ms. Rigione:

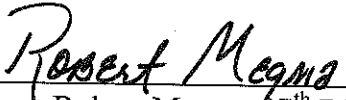
We are writing in strong opposition to the proposed Bridgeport Harbor Project particularly the portion of the proposal that involves the relocation of toxic fill to be placed into an existing borrow pit located in Morris Cove in New Haven.

As members of the Connecticut General Assembly who represents the City of New Haven, we are concerned about the effect this project will have on Morris Cove and the surrounding community. It is our understanding that the plan allows for 197,000 cubic yards of "unsuitable" material to be dredged from Bridgeport Harbor and placed in a Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) cell in Morris Cove's borrow pit. Simply put, if this project is enacted it would greatly increase the risk of exposure to toxic materials.

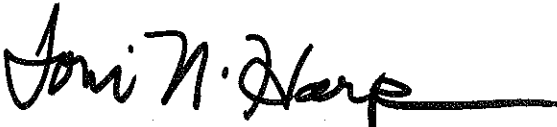
We do not want what is considered unsuitable material placed in the borrow pit of Morris Cove and would like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and all parties involved to strongly consider creating CAD cells suitable enough to contain the entire amount of toxic material in Bridgeport Harbor.

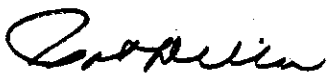
As legislators and concerned citizens, we are hopeful that you will review our concerns and strongly consider our recommendations. If you should have any questions, please contact us at (860) 240-8500 or (860) 240-8600.


Sincerely,

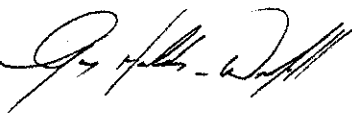

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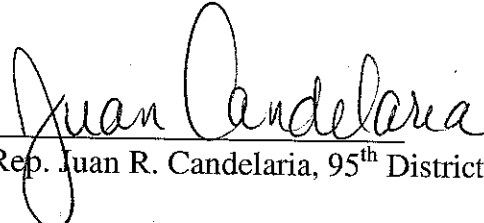

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Majority Leader

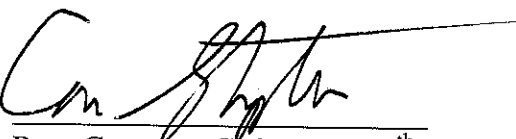

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cc: Bridgeport Port Authority
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Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
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