

## Fox River Project Completes First Year Successfully

The winter is expected to be with us soon in Wisconsin, USA. So the dredging equipment on the Fox River stopped operations last week and the plant in Green Bay processed the final batch of dredged material.

**Boskalis Dolman** (Netherlands) built and designed the processing plant entirely in-house and most equipment was built in Europe. Shipping to and installation on site was performed in approximately six months. Stuyvesant Dredging Inc. (in the USA also represented by Stuyvesant Environmental Contracting Inc.) is processing the dredged material.

Despite the very short and hectic period building the plant, the work started on time. And now that the plant has actually exceeded expectations, we can only conclude that Fox River has completed its first year successfully.

The expectation was that, in the first year, 468,000 yd.<sup>3</sup> of sediment contaminated with PCBs would be dredged and processed. At the end of the first season, the counter stopped at 541,218 yd.<sup>3</sup> This is more than 15% above forecast. That's an unprecedented achievement if you bear in mind that three contractors 'in line' achieved an efficiency level of more than 85%!

The first season amounted to 143 working days, a total of 540,000 man-hours. During all that time, there were no incidents resulting in absenteeism. That's a great result, too. The winter season has been set aside for maintenance work on the plant. The second dredging and processing season for the Fox River will start on 5 April 2010. The cleanup work on the Fox River is expected to last another six years.

