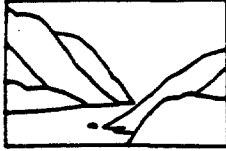




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Re: Hudson River PCB Reassessment
Activities

Dear Connie:

We received a press release last week announcing EPA's plan to hold a public meeting on reassessment of the Hudson River PCB problem. We did not receive the release until December 5th and were disappointed to learn about the meeting so late. This is particularly frustrating as we have had no response to date to our request, which we made to you and your staff directly as well as in writing, for any information on the Scope of Work and the Reassessment Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study as soon as it was developed.

Further, we are troubled by the fact that the meeting is being held in an upriver community, distant from the many down river interests which will be greatly affected by EPA's decision about the remediation of PCBs in the Hudson. There is no indication that any other meetings are scheduled to inform people in the Mid-Hudson region, in New York City or on Long Island. We emphatically disagree with the position of your staff that people in Washington County are the parties most affected by a decision whether or not to remediate the Hudson River. Limiting public information and comment to the Washington County area does not promise to provide a representative audience or a balanced response to the Agency's proposals and makes us question EPA's overall objectivity on the reassessment.

In addition, the documents cited in the press release have not been made available for review except in New York City and in locations north of Albany. We feel disadvantaged by our inability to review the documents prior to the upcoming meeting. In the past, information on the PCB project has always been made available in the mid-

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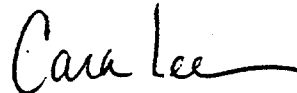
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Hudson region at the Region Three DEC office in New Paltz and at the public library (Adriance Memorial Library) in Poughkeepsie. In addition to these sites, all documents related to EPA's reassessment should be made available on Long Island also.

Finally, when we met we discussed the possibility of having General Electric make a presentation on their alternative plans before EPA and the coalition of interested groups that we have identified. At the time, the idea was favorably received by you and your staff. We are still very interested in hearing this type of presentation and would like to know if there will be follow up on this proposal.

We reiterate our concern about the length of time that has already passed since EPA announced its promising decision to re-evaluate the Hudson river PCB problem and hope that the Scope of Work will be tied to an aggressive timetable for completion.

Sincerely,



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