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Dear Liaison Group Member:

I am writing you regarding my letter of June 20, 1991, and EPA's initial intent to be able to distribute copies of the Phase I Report on the Hudson River PCB Reassessment at the Liaison Group Meeting on July 16th.

Unfortunately, the Phase I Report will not be ready for distribution by the July 16th date. However, we will hold the Liaison Group Meeting since review of the Phase I Report is just a part of the overall Community Interaction Program (CIP); and it is important that we all meet in order to keep everyone abreast of the progress and timing of the Reassessment Project. It has been over four months since the membership of the Groups last met with EPA officials, and it is time to once again "touch base".

Since the implementation of the CIP, I have received a considerable amount of correspondence from individuals up and down the river indicating their eagerness to participate as members of the Liaison Groups, but also indicative of a general misunderstanding of the project itself. Since both EPA officials and EPA's contractors from TAMS, Inc. will be in attendance, this meeting should serve to clarify the mission of the Hudson River PCB Reassessment for those new to the process and give both new and established members a chance to get to know each other.

Considering the scope and complexity of this project, we at EPA want to make certain that information on the Hudson River Reassessment is available and understandable to the public and that the EPA Project team is accessible to answer questions and concerns raised during the course of the work. We also need to discuss your ideas and contributions for the first issue of the CIP (Community Interaction Program) Update that EPA will be publishing in the coming months. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, July 16, 1991 at 7:00 P.M., at the Holiday Inn in Latham, New York. If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 264-7214. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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