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Memorandum

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From Environmental Health Engineer
Environmental Engineering Branch, OHA

Subject Trip Report: Site Visit to Hudson River PCB NPL Site

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Associate Administrator, ATSDR

Through: Chief, EEB, OHA____
Director, OHA____

PURPOSE:

On September 12, 1988, William Nelson, Regional Representative-Region II, and I traveled to Fort Edward, New York for the purpose of performing a site visit at the Hudson River PCB NPL site.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Evaluated the PCB remnant areas along the banks of the Hudson River in the Fort Edward area. In addition, the river, below the Fort Edward area to about Troy, New York was observed for any fishing activities on the river.

FINDINGS:

1. Access to remnant areas 1,2,3, and 4 is difficult. However, remnant area 1, an island, can be accessed by boat. Remnant area 5 is somewhat accessible to older children and adults. Much of the remnant areas are now vegetated and no apparent vegetation stress was observed.
2. No fishing activities were observed on the river from Fort Edward to about Troy, New York. According to the New York Fish and Wildlife authorities, fishing is banned from Fort Edward to the Troy dam.
3. Visibly oil stained areas on the bank of remnant area 5 were observed. In addition, an oil layer was observed on many boulders that were not completely submerged in the river.

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Attachment

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