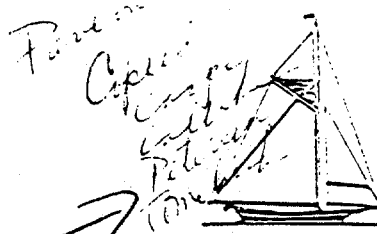


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Dear Mr. Eristoff:

We sincerely thank you and your staff for your time on Friday September 14. The meeting was very informative and we appreciated being updated on the progress of the project. We hope that it was the start of an active and productive dialogue.

As we wish to track progress as closely as possible, we would appreciate the opportunity, at the earliest possible convenience, to review the scope of work for the Hudson River PCB Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RRI/FS), as well as any timelines associated with the completion of the Work Plan.

As we discussed on Friday, we would like to communicate with your office on a regular basis for updates that can then be distributed to the interested environmental community. (See attached list.) Also, we believe that it would be useful for all concerned if General Electric were invited to present a briefing on their Bio-remediation Demonstration Program at your request.

On the issue of public participation, our collective experience with the format employed in the Estuarine Management Program has revealed that it has been somewhat unmanageable and cumbersome. Therefore, we would like to suggest that the process be streamlined for this project. We reiterate that the proposed Scientific Peer Review process will be most effective if the committee reports directly to EPA rather than to a technical review committee.

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While we are pleased that the "No Action" Record of Decision is under reconsideration, we are disheartened with the protracted schedule for long overdue Hudson River remediation, in comparison with progress that has been made toward PCB clean-up in locations such as New Bedford Harbor, MA, Waukegan Harbor, MI, and the St. Lawrence River.

We sincerely question the need for an in-depth review of Hudson River PCB data previously gathered and utilized by the state DEC with the support of the federal government. However, if such an assessment of existing data is deemed necessary, we are concerned that sufficient resources be allocated to undertake this task in an expeditious manner.

We hope that the environmental community can work cooperatively with you towards a judicious decision that will begin to restore the ecological integrity of the Hudson River, and protect this valuable resource for future generations.

Sincerely,

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