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Ms. Sophie Morris  
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Re: Relocation of EPA Information Repository for the Hudson  
River PCBs Reassessment

Dear Ms. Morris:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. EPA, Region 2 has decided to relocate the information repository for the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment from the SUNY Campus to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sea Grant Program in Kingston, New York.

This move is being made for two reasons. EPA initially established the SUNY/Stony Brook repository in response to requests made by some members of the public who felt interest in the Hudson River PCB issue would be high among those living near Long Island Sound. It is our understanding that in the nearly five years that the repository has been at this location it has never been used, nor has EPA ever received inquiries from the public about its availability or location or contents.

In addition, a recent round of community interviews conducted by EPA with members of the Long Island Sound fishing and research community indicate no interest in the Hudson River PCB issue whatsoever. These two factors have lead us to the decision to relocate the information repository to another geographic area where interest in the Reassessment is high and the request for an additional repository has been made. Since the documents involved are expensive to reproduce, it is more efficient to move a repository if at all possible, than to create a new one.

Over the next week, Karen Coghlan of TAMS Consultants (EPA's contractors) will be contacting you regarding this change and the movement of the documents. Needless to say, this will be accomplished at no cost to SUNY.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the time and effort you have given to the maintenance of the information repository that has been in your care for the past five years. Your kind cooperation and consideration is greatly appreciated. The movement of this information repository to another location in no way signifies any lack of confidence in the way it has been managed by SUNY/Stony Brook - it is simply a matter of our making certain the documents are available in a geographic location where they will be utilized fully by a public that is specifically interested in the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment.

If you have any questions, please call me at 212/264-7214. Thank you once again for all your help.

Sincerely,



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