



*Protecting the Valley's Environment, Town by Town*

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Dear Doug:

Scenic Hudson supports the Environmental Protection Agency's process to formulate a clear, focused charge that will guide the comments and assistance of the peer reviewers.

Below are some questions to be considered for incorporation into the charge that EPA provides to the peer reviewers

**Charge Questions for Peer Review of Baseline Modeling Report**

Are the models useful tools for providing information on PCB exposure for the Human Health Risk Assessment and the Ecological Risk Assessment?

Does the modeling adequately characterize PCB levels in water, sediments and fish in the upper Hudson River for use in the decision-making process?

Are the results of the modeling adequate to evaluate and compare the impact of various remedial scenarios that will be evaluated in the feasibility study?

Is the weight of the evidence approach utilizing different bioaccumulation models an appropriate approach and was it employed appropriately?

What are appropriate target goals for the EPA to be using for PCB levels in fish - 2ppm, 0.5 ppm, 0.1ppm?

Sincerely,

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