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To All Interested Parties:

Enclosed is a copy of the *Report on the Peer Review of the Hudson River PCBs Human Health Risk Assessment* (HHRA Peer Review Report) and the *Report on the Peer Review of the Ecological Risk Assessment for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site* (ERA Peer Review Report). The reports present the main points of the May 30-31, 2000 peer review for the HHRA and the June 1-2, 2000 peer review for the ERA.

EPA's Peer Review Policy requires peer review of all major scientific and technical work products undertaken by the Agency which involve the use of scientific tools that have not been previously peer reviewed, or which involve the new application of existing scientific tools. Through peer review, it is the Agency's intent that the science behind its decisions will be reviewed by independent experts in an effort to ensure the credibility of that science. The HHRA and ERA Peer Reviews represent the fourth peer review conducted for the major scientific and technical work products prepared for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site Reassessment Remedial Investigation. Prior to the HHRA and ERA Peer Reviews, peer review sessions were conducted for EPA's modeling approach, geochemistry studies and Revised Baseline Modeling Report. Each of the peer reviews was conducted by Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor.

Although the HHRA and ERA Peer Review Reports summarize the major issues discussed during the peer reviews, it is not a verbatim transcript of the peer review sessions.

If you need additional information regarding the HHRA or ERA Peer Review Reports, or other aspects of the Hudson River Reassessment, please contact Ann Rychlenski, the Community Relations Coordinator for the Hudson River PCBs Site, at 212-637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Richard L. Caspe", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard L. Caspe, Director
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Enclosures