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Mr. Leonard Corin
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Corin:

On July 19, 1989, we initiated informal consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) concerning federal endangered or threatened species or critical habitats in the vicinity of the Hudson River PCBs Remnant Deposit sites, located in Washington and Saratoga Counties, New York. Your August 25, 1989 response indicated that no such species under your jurisdiction existed in the project area. Since that time the scope of the project has been expanded, and this agency is in the process of performing a Reassessment Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study on contaminated in-river sediments.

This letter is intended to initiate informal consultation with the USFWS to determine if there are any federal endangered/ threatened species or critical habitats in the vicinity of the Hudson River PCBs Site, which now includes both the Upper and Lower Hudson River, from Hudson Falls to The Battery in New York Harbor. With this in mind, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is requesting a written statement from you indicating whether any endangered or threatened species that are listed or proposed to be listed, may be present in the project area or in areas that could be impacted by the remedial action. We have enclosed information concerning the site for your review.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robert Witte of my staff at (212) 264-6681. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Hargrove, Chief
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Enclosure

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