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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are three (3) copies of the report entitled *Data Report: Macroinvertebrate Communities and Diets of Selected Fish Species in the Upper Hudson River* (Exponent 1998). This report documents the background and rationale for the study, the methods for data collection, quality assurance procedures, and the results of the conventional analyses on sediments (total organic carbon and grain size), taxonomic identification and enumeration of macroinvertebrate community samples, and the fish stomach content samples collected during September 1997. The details of the overall study design are described in the previously submitted study plan entitled *Ecological Value and Food Web Structure of Aquatic Communities of the Upper Hudson River: Study Plan* (PTI 1997). Analysis and interpretation of the data presented in this report are in preparation.

If you have any questions, let me know. Please place a copy of this report and letter into the Site Administrative Record for the Upper Hudson River Superfund Site.

Yours truly,

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REFERENCES

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