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Mr. Mike Stoll US Fish and Wildlife Service 3817 Luke Road Cortland, NY 13045

Dear Mr. Stoll,

TAMS Consultants, Inc. is preparing a Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Hudson River PCBs Reassessment site. As part of the BERA we are updating our list of federal and state endangered, threatened, and rare species and significant habitats found along the Hudson River.

The Hudson River PCB Superfund site encompasses the Hudson River from Hudson Falls, NY to the Battery in New York Harbor, a stretch of nearly 200 river miles. We are interested in a listing of species and habitats of concern found in the Hudson River and within a one-mile corridor either side of the river.

Please give me or John Schaffer a call (973-338-6680) if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Chernoff Senior Scientist