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Ms. Jeanne Fox
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Dear Ms. Fox,

As you know from my May 10 and 28 letters, GE believes strongly that a joint, simultaneous peer review of EPA's and GE's Upper Hudson River models serves a vital public interest by ensuring that the best diagnostic tools are used by EPA to make decisions about the Upper Hudson River. An impartial review by experts in modeling who have access to all of the data is the fairest way to evaluate the models and to engender public confidence in this process.

As GE has said privately and publicly, in my letters and in news reports, we will pay for the additional cost of a joint peer review. Having assumed that there was no confusion about this point, I was perplexed to read in the May 26 issue of The (White Plains) Journal News that your spokeswoman, Ann Rychlenksi, said a joint peer review was out of the question because taxpayers shouldn't be expected to pay the cost.

Given GE's willingness to cover the expense, there should be no other legitimate objection to a joint peer review. I hope that we can agree to move forward with this approach as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. George Pataki, Governor, State of New York
John Cahill, Commissioner, NYSDEC

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