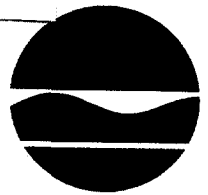


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Dear Mr. Tomchuk:

RE: Hudson River PCB Reassessment RI/FS  
Site No.: 5-46-031

This letter is to provide two additional comments and the enclosures which were mistakenly left out of my letter dated October 25, 1991 concerning comments on the Phase 1 Report "Interim Characterization and Evaluation, Hudson River PCB Reassessment RI/FS." The additional points are:

1. Page 1-2, last paragraph, The EPA should explain why they did not evaluate upland areas.
2. Page B.7-6/7-7, The quotes from Boyle's Book are out of date. The first paragraph after the quote should be explained to clearly indicate major improvements in water quality from the wastewater treatment plants and other regulatory controls as evidenced by the results of biota surveys listed on page B.7-12 through B.7-13 and page B.7-17 - third paragraph. Change the second sentence to the following:

Improvements in the fish community and invertebrate populations have been documented and appear to correspond with upgrades of sewage treatment plants and other regulatory controls.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 457-5677.

Sincerely,

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