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TO: Environmental Protection Agency

**FROM: Kathleen A. Marchione, Supervisor
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DATE: December 11, 1990

**RE: Reassessment Remedial Investigation & Feasibility
Study of PCBs in the Hudson River**

Please be advised that the Town of Halfmoon is adamantly opposed to any type of dredging of PCBs in the Hudson River.

On March 6, 1990, Resolution No. 113 of the Town of Halfmoon was unanimously approved by the Town Board. Enclosed is a copy of this Resolution which voices our strong opposition to any dredging of the Hudson River and further urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to work with the General Electric Company to arrive at a suitable alternative to the dredging proposal.

Please include this memo and copy of the attached Resolution into your records as my statement as Supervisor of the Town of Halfmoon.

Resolution by Lawrence W. DeVoe
Seconded by Walter F. Polak

and passed unanimously by said Board

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has recently released its Hudson River PCB Project "Action Plan"; and

WHEREAS, this recent "Action Plan" is far more comprehensive than an earlier plan and now seeks to dredge the Hudson River flowing through a vast area of Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, recent documentation by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation indicates a vast reduction in the amount of PCB's in certain types of fish; and

WHEREAS, this recent documentation of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation sends a clear signal that the Hudson River is cleansing itself; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Halfmoon have been unable to fully utilize the beautiful natural resource facility known as the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon is concerned that there is no suitable environmentally safe method of disposing of the PCB's during and after the dredging process; and

WHEREAS, it is the feeling of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon that any type of dredging of the chemical known as PCB's from the bottom of the Hudson River will only cause the stirring-up of such a chemical, thus destroying the natural cleansing of the river, and the natural biodegrading of PCB's; and

WHEREAS, the General Electric Company has revealed a possible alternative to the dredging proposal in the form of a chemical process which would act as a catalyst in speeding up the biodegrading of PCB's; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon voices strong opposition to any dredging of the Hudson River and urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to work with the General Electric Company to arrive at a suitable alternative to the dredging proposal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Commissioner Thomas Jorling of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Governor Mario Cuomo, State Senator Joseph Bruno, Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea, Assemblyman Arnold Proskin, Assemblyman Glenn Harris, U.S. Congressman Gerald Solomon, U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato, U.S. Senator Moynihan, the Commissioner of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Stillwater Supervisor Paul F. Lilac and the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.