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Harold E. Robillard, Clerk  
Warren County Board of Supervisors  
Warren County Municipal Center  
1340 State Route 9  
Lake George, New York 12845-9803

Dear Mr. Robillard:

This is in response to your letters of October 17, 1997 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner and EPA Region 2 Administrator Jeanne M. Fox, regarding the Hudson River PCBs site. Your letters forward a copy of a recent Resolution by the Warren County Board of Supervisors in which the Board expresses its opposition to any remediation measures for the site that involve the dredging of PCB-contaminated sediments from the Hudson River and the disposal of those sediments in a landfill.

EPA is aware of the concerns of a number of members of the Upper Hudson River community associated with potential dredging of PCB-contaminated sediments from the Upper Hudson River. As you know, EPA has not yet determined whether it will be appropriate or necessary to dredge Hudson River sediments in order to address PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River. Such a decision will be made only after EPA completes its Reassessment study of the Hudson River PCBs site which, when completed, will include a detailed characterization of the PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River and the risks associated with that contamination. EPA also will prepare and release for public comment a Feasibility Study in which the Agency will evaluate several remedial options for the River sediments, including "no-action" and various dredging alternatives. "Community acceptance" is one of the criteria that must be considered by EPA when the Agency ultimately makes a remedial decision for the Upper Hudson River sediments and, while EPA cannot sacrifice protection of human health and the environment in favor of community acceptance, public comments can play a significant role in EPA's ultimate remedial decision.

In March 1996, EPA staff made a presentation to the Washington County Board of Supervisors on the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment study. EPA is willing to make additional presentations to the Board of Supervisors, or a similar group, to keep you informed of the findings of the Reassessment. Please contact Ann Rychlenski at (212) 637-3672 if you wish to arrange for such a briefing.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

cc: John Cahill, Commissioner NYSDEC  
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
Senator Alphonse D'Amato  
Congressman Gerald B. Solomon  
Governor George Pataki  
NYS Senator Ronald B. Stafford  
NYS Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea  
NYS Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little  
NYS Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky

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Ann Rychlenski, CD  
Paul Simon, ORC

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 457 OF 1997

Resolution introduced by Supervisors F. Monroe, O'Neill, Baker, Grant, Montesi, Belden and Landry

## OPPOSING PROPOSED PCB DREDGING IN HUDSON RIVER

WHEREAS, Saratoga County Resolution No. 93 of 1997 opposes the proposed PCB dredging in the Hudson River, and the Warren County Legislative Committee adopts said Resolution which relates that:

1. PCB contamination of the upper Hudson River ended more than twenty (20) years ago, and the PCB level has greatly declined during the past twenty (20) years;
2. the Environmental Protection Agency is considering the permanent remediation plan of dredging the river bottom and depositing the contaminants in a landfill; and
3. dredging may halt the natural processes and a landfill will certainly create a new site of contamination, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby supports Saratoga County Resolution No. 93 of 1997, which further supports Resolution No. 76 of 1990, in opposition to any dredging of the upper Hudson River and urges other more suitable remediations for its PCB contamination, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to Environmental Protection Agency; Administrator Browner, Region II Administrator Fox, D.E.C. Commissioner Cahill and the Chairs of the Boards of Supervisors of Saratoga and Washington Counties; New York State Association

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Attached is a copy of Resolution No. 457, adopted by the Warren County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 17th day of October, 1997.

**HAROLD E. ROBILLARD, CLERK**

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of Counties; Governor George E. Pataki; Congressman Gerald B. Solomon; Senator Ronald B. Stafford; Senator Daniel P. Moynihan and Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato; Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little; and Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

STATE OF NEW YORK )

)ss.:

COUNTY OF WARREN )

I, HAROLD E. ROBILLARD, Clerk, of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy and the whole thereof of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, Lake George, New York on the 17th day of October, 1997.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of October, 1997.

  
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Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Warren County