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Patricia Dwyer, Village Manager
Village/Town of Mount Kisco
104 Main Street
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Dear Ms. Dwyer:

This is in response to your letter of January 1998 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner, and others, regarding the Hudson River PCBs site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Village/Town of Mount Kisco in which the Village expresses its support for the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment being conducted by EPA.

EPA appreciates the support from members of the Hudson River community with respect to the Reassessment study that we are currently conducting. As you know, the Reassessment, when completed, will include a detailed characterization of the PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River, calculation of the human health and ecological risks associated with the contamination, and the evaluation of remedial alternatives to address the contamination. EPA is committed to completing the Reassessment in an expeditious manner.

Your support is particularly appreciated because "community acceptance" is an important factor to be considered when the Agency ultimately makes a remedial decision for the Upper Hudson River sediments. EPA will keep the public informed of its findings regarding the Reassessment. For further information with respect to this site, please contact Ann Rychlenski at (212) 637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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January, 1998

The Honorable Carol Browner, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
401 M. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Browner:

Enclosed please find a copy of a certified resolution that was adopted by the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees at their Regular Board Meeting of January 5, 1998. The adopted resolution urges the EPA to reassess the Hudson River PCBs and evaluate potential remedial actions.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dwyer
Village Manager

PD/pm
Enclosure

cc: Sue W. Kelly, U.S. Representative (w/encl.)
Vincent Leibell, New York State Senator (w/encl.)
Naomi Matusow, New York State Assembly (w/encl.)
Robert W. Elliott, Mayor, Village of Croton-on-Hudson (w/encl.)

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**RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF
EPA's REASSESSMENT OF PCBs IN THE HUDSON RIVER
AND THE
EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS**

Whereas, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of our community and the Hudson River is a treasured asset; and

Whereas, nearly 200 miles of the Hudson River - from Hudson Falls to New York City - are a federal Superfund site due to polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination and;

Whereas, PCB's are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River; and

Whereas, PCB's were banned in 1976 because of a variety of known and suspected impacts on humans and wildlife; and

Whereas, PCB's remain in the Hudson River exposing humans and wildlife to their effects; and

Whereas, an estimated \$40 million annually has been lost over the last twenty years because of the closure of Hudson River commercial fisheries and restrictions on recreationally caught fish. As a result, the Hudson Valley has lost an important cultural heritage and way of life and the economic vitality of the Hudson River region continues to be hampered by the limitations on recreational use of the River and the stigma of PCB contamination; and

Whereas, The EPA's Hudson River Reassessment has determined that without remediation, present levels of contamination will continue indefinitely, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Village/Town of Mount Kisco hereby expresses its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the US EPA under the Superfund, including evaluation of the feasibility of potential remedial action that can most effectively restore the Hudson River, including the evaluation of traditional disposal methods as well as innovative technologies that can be used to destroy PCBs. Further, the Village/Town of Mount Kisco urges that the US EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER : ss.
VILLAGE OF MOUNT KISCO)

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mount Kisco, on 1-5-98

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Village of Mount Kisco,


Village Clerk
Village of Mount Kisco.

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