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FEB 5 1998

Matthew P. Carey, Village Clerk
Village of Dobbs Ferry
112 Main Street
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

Dear Mr. Carey:

This is in response to your letter of January 12, 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 of Dobbs Ferry in which the Village expresses its support for the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment being conducted by EPA.

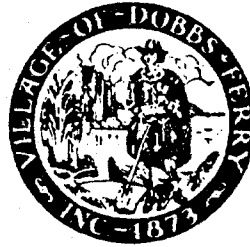
EPA appreciates the support from members of the Hudson River community with respect to the Reassessment study that we are currently conducting. As you know, the Reassessment, when completed, will include a detailed characterization of the PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River, calculation of the 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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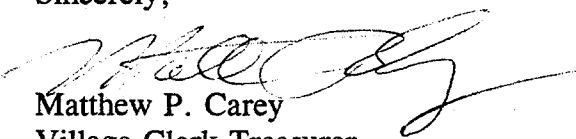
The Honorable Carol Browner
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Resolution to Urge the EPA to Reassess Hudson River PCBs and Evaluate
Potential Remedial Actions

Dear Ms. Browner:

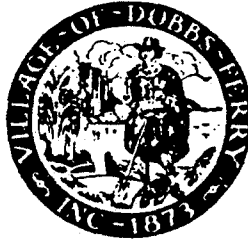
Enclosed please find a certified copy of the above referenced resolution which was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry, New York on January 6, 1998.

Sincerely,


Matthew P. Carey
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry held on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1998, at Village Hall. Present: Deputy Mayor Charles Lester, presiding, Trustees Francis Farrington, Martin Greenberg, Philip Jones, Bruce Raaka and William Sherwood, Village Administrator Margaret M. Slavin, Acting Village Attorney Lynda Sartorio and Village Clerk-Treasurer Matthew P. Carey.

Trustee Farrington offered the following resolution in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's reassessment of PCBs in the Hudson River and the evaluation of potential remedial actions regarding same, seconded by Trustee Raaka, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

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, PCBs are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, PCBs were banned in 1976 because of a variety of known and suspected impacts on humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, PCBs 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, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund officials determined in February 1997 that PCB "hot spots" in the sediment of the upper Hudson are the

"dominant source" of PCB contamination to the River, and that microbial breakdown will not rid the River of PCBs; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Dobbs Ferry hereby expresses its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S. EPA under the Superfund, including evaluation of the feasibility of potential remedial action that can most effectively restore the Hudson River, technologies that can be used to destroy PCBs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Dobbs Ferry urges the U.S. EPA to complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the January 6, 1998 Board of Trustees meeting.

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Matthew P. Carey
Village Clerk-Treasurer