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Kathleen Eagen, City Chamberlain
 City of Poughkeepsie
 Municipal Building
 P.O. Box 300
 Poughkeepsie, New York 12602

Dear Ms. Eagen:

This is in response to your letter of February 10, 1998 to EPA regarding the Hudson River PCBs site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the City of Poughkeepsie in which the City 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 CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

Office of
the City Chamberlain
Kathleen Eagan

February 10, 1998

Honorable Carol Browner
Administrator, US EPA
410 M Street, SW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Browner:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the resolution in support of EPA's reassessment of PCBs in the Hudson River and the evaluation of potential remedial action.

This resolution was recently approved by the Poughkeepsie Common Council and Mayor Lafuente.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (914) 451-4225.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen Eagan

KATHLEEN EAGAN
City Chamberlain

Enclosure

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

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Vollman :

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, US 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 City of Poughkeepsie 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; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie urges that the US EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Chamberlain be and she hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Hon. Carol Browner, Administrator, US EPA; Hon. Sue Kelly, US Congresswoman; Hon. Stephen Saland, NYS Senator and Hon. Tom Kirwan, NYS Assemblyman.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER Rusmierzylk.

Submitted to Council Feb. 5, 1998

Council Action Approved

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Nays 0 (Blasi absent)

Approved by Mayor on Feb. 6, 1998

Signature Colette Lafuente

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council held Feb. 5, 1998
Kathleen Eagan City Chamberlain