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Harriet L. Slater, Village Clerk
Village of Chestnut Ridge
277 Old Nyack Turnpike
Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977

Dear Ms. Slater:

This is in response to your letter of January 29, 1998 to EPA regarding the Hudson River PCBs site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Village of Chestnut Ridge 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 29, 1998

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

Dear Hon. Browner:

Enclosed please find Resolution No. 98-9 as adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 15, 1998 urging the EPA to Reassess Hudson River PCBs and Evaluate Potential Remedial Actions.

Very truly yours,

Harriet L. Slater

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-9

WHEREAS, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of Rockland County 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, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 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 Chestnut Ridge 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, including the evaluation of traditional methods as well as innovative technologies that can be used to destroy PCBs, and that the Village of Chestnut Ridge urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen
SECOND: Trustee Kissane
The Board was polled and voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No.98-9.

Adopted: January 15, 1998