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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2
290 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

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Gwendolyn I. Byrd, City Clerk
City of New Rochelle
515 North Avenue
New Rochelle, New York 10801

Dear Ms. Byrd:

This is in response to your letter of January 23, 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 City of New Rochelle 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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Gwendolyn I. Byrd
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City of New Rochelle New York

January 23, 1998

Honorable Carol Browner, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
401 M. Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

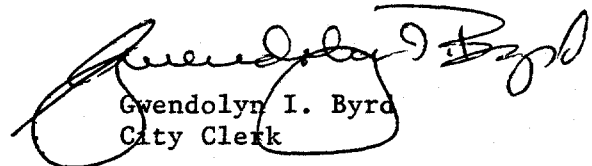
Dear Ms. Browner:

At its Regular Legislative Meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, the City Council of the City of New Rochelle adopted the following Resolution No. 11 entitled:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S
REASSESSMENT OF POLCHLORINATED BIPHENYL CONTAMINATION IN THE
HUDSON RIVER AND THE EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS.

Attached is a certified copy of said resolution.

Very truly yours,


Gwendolyn I. Byrd
City Clerk

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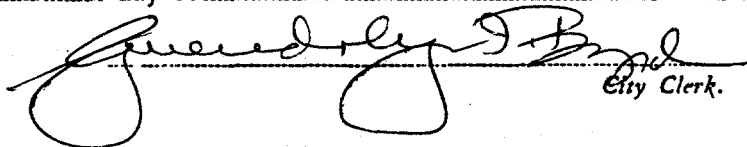
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State of New York,
County of Westchester, } ss. :
City of New Rochelle. }

I, Gwendolyn I. Byrd, City Clerk of the City of New Rochelle, do hereby
certify that I have compared the preceding resolution
with the original Resolution 11 adopted at a meeting of the COUNCIL of
the City of New Rochelle, held on the 20th day of January 19 98,
and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such
original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official
seal of the City of New Rochelle, this 23rd day of January 19 98.


City Clerk.

City of New Rochelle, N.Y.

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Introduced:

Introduced By:

Held:

Adopted:

No. 11

Council Members Alexander R. Eodice,

Moved By: ~~M. Christina Selin, Rhoda Quash,~~
and Joseph F. Fosina, Noam Bramson,

Seconded By: Ruth Kitchen and Mayor Timothy C. Idoni

Approved As To Form: [Signature]

Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT
OR
TITLE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY'S REASSESSMENT OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL
CONTAMINATION IN THE HUDSON RIVER AND THE EVALUATION OF
POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS.

Dist.	Member	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
1st	Eodice	✓			
2nd	Selin	✓			
3rd	Quash	✓			
4th	Fosina	✓			
5th	Bramson	✓			
6th	Kitchen	✓			
Mayor	Idoni	✓			

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 by the Council of the City of New Rochelle that this Council 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, 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 this Council urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

Authenticated and certified)
this 20th day of Jan., 1998)

TIMOTHY C. IDONI, Mayor
GWENDOLYN I. BYRD, City Clerk

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