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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Linda A. Raneri, Town Clerk
Town of Bedford
321 Bedford Road
Bedford Hills, New York 10507-1398

Dear Ms. Raneri:

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 Town of Bedford in which the Town 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.

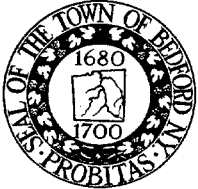
Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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January 23, 1998

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

Dear Ms. Browner,

Enclosed please find Town of Bedford resolution in support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S. EPA.

Very truly yours,

Linda A. Raneri,
Town Clerk

pc: Hon. Sue W. Kelly, 19th C.D.
Hon. Vincent L. Leibell, III, 37th S.D.
Hon. Naomi C. Matusow, 89th A.D.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economical 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,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Town Board of the Town of Bedford 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,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

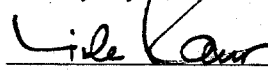
THAT the Town Board of the Town of Bedford urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER } SS
TOWN OF BEDFORD

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 the whole of the said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bedford, on January 6, 1998

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
Corporate Seal of said Town of Bedford.

Dated: January 23, 1998


Mike Carr
Town Clerk,
Town of Bedford

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