



APP. 15 1998

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clara G. Smith, Village Clerk  
Village of Ardsley  
505 Ashford Avenue  
Ardsley, New York 10502

Dear Ms. Smith:

This is in response to your letter of January 22, 1998 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner regarding the Hudson River PCBs site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Village of Ardsley 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William M. Caspe".

Richard L. Caspe, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

1/22/98

**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE EPA TO REASSESS HUDSON RIVER PCBS AND  
EVALUATE POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200 miles of the 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, although PCBs were banned in 1976 they remain in the 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, and that microbial breakdown will not rid the river of PCBs; and

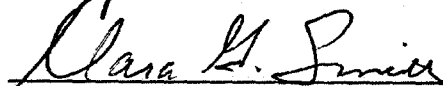
WHEREAS, the EPA's Hudson River Reassessment has determined that without remediation, present levels of contamination will continue indefinitely,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village of Ardsley hereby expresses its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the EPA which includes potential remedial action, and that such reassessment be completed as expeditiously as possible.

Dated: January 22, 1998

Clara G. Smith  
Deputy Village Clerk

This is to certify that the above Resolution was passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ardsley, at its Second Regular Board Meeting held on January 20, 1998.



Clara G. Smith  
Deputy Village Clerk  
Village of Ardsley