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Honorable C. Michael Cronin
Village of Hudson Falls
220 Main Street
Hudson Falls, New York 12839

Dear Mayor Cronin:

This is in response to your letter of March 4, 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 Hudson Falls in which the Village expresses its opposition to any remediation measure associated with the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment involving the dredging and landfilling of hazardous waste, specifically PCB-contaminated sediments from the Hudson River.

As stated in EPA's June 30, 1997 response to your June 6, 1997 letter, in which the Village of Hudson Falls Board of Trustees transmitted a copy of a resolution that expressed its opposition to a Hudson River dredging project, EPA is aware of the concerns of a number of members of the Upper Hudson River community associated with the potential dredging of PCB-contaminated sediments from the Upper Hudson River. EPA has still not determined whether dredging the Hudson River in order to address PCB-contamination in the Upper Hudson River will be appropriate or necessary. Consequently, EPA has still not determined whether it will be appropriate or necessary to construct a hazardous waste landfill for the disposal of PCB-contaminated sediments from the Hudson River. Those decisions will be made only after EPA completes its Reassessment study of the Hudson River PCBs Site.

As with any decision concerning the Site, "community acceptance" is one of the criteria that must be considered by EPA when the Agency ultimately makes a remedial decision for the Upper Hudson River sediments, therefore, we will continue to keep you informed of the findings of the Reassessment. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Ann Rychlenski at (212) 637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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March 4, 1998

Honorable Carol Browner, Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street SW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: PCB Dredge - and Landfill Project
Hudson River

Dear Ms. Browner:

Enclosed is a certified copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees at our meeting of March 2, 1998 opposing the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency reassessing the 1984 decision not to dredge the upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs.

We feel that a PCB dredge and landfill project would have significant, long term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences of the Village of Hudson Falls and for other communities.

I urge you to do anything in your power to avoid the enforcement of any decision for any dredge or landfill project for the Hudson River.

Sincerely,



C. MICHAEL CRONIN
Mayor
CMC: mp

3/3/98

Upon motion made by Trustee Burke, seconded by Trustee Barton and carried, it is

RESOLVED, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the United State Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls will be deriving it's drinking water for its citizens directly from the Hudson River, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has the utmost concern for the health, welfare and safety of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would have significant, long term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences of the Village of Hudson Falls and for other communities, and

WHEREAS approximately 50 other communities have passed resolutions opposing the dredge and landfill project, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge and landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the region, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls finds that a dredge and landfill project would not be in the best interests of the citizens of the Village of Hudson Falls.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hudson Falls hereby expresses its opposition to the Hudson River remediation measure that involve dredge and landfill efforts of any kind, hereby transmits notice of such opposition in writing to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and such other local, state and national officials having an interest in the proposed project.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at this 3rd day of March, 1998.

Marie E. Philo
Village Clerk

Dated: March 3, 1998

I CERTIFY, that the signature shown above is a specimen signature of Marie E. Philo Village Clerk, as authorized in the foregoing resolution.

KATHRYN A. FITZPATRICK
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
WASHINGTON COUNTY #4512026
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/31/99

Kathryn A. Fitzpatrick
Notary Public for the State of New York

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