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Patricia O'Donnell, Town Clerk
 Town of Clifton Park
 One Town Hall Plaza
 Clifton Park, New York 12065

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

This is in response to your letter of April 20, 1998 to EPA regarding the Hudson River PCBs Site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Town of Clifton Park in which the Town 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.

EPA is aware of the concerns of the Hudson River Valley community associated with potential dredging of PCB-contaminated sediments from the Upper Hudson River. EPA has not yet determined whether it will be appropriate or necessary to dredge Hudson River sediments in order to address PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River. Subsequently, EPA has not yet 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. Such a decision will be made only after EPA completes its Reassessment study of the Hudson River PCBs site which, when completed, will include a detailed characterization of the PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River and the risks associated with that contamination. EPA also will prepare and release for public comment a Feasibility Study in which the Agency will evaluate several remedial options for the River sediments, including "no-action", various dredging alternatives, and possible disposal alternatives.

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 and, while EPA cannot sacrifice protection of human health and the environment in favor of community acceptance, public comments can play a significant role in

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EPA's ultimate remedial decision. 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

bcc: OEX
Ann Rychlenski, CD
Douglas Fischer, ORC

Resolution No. 101 of 1998, a resolution regarding dredging of the Upper Hudson River for removal of PCB-laden sediments.

Introduced by Supervisor LeRoy, who moved it adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board recognizes that many communities along the Hudson River derive drinking water for their citizens from the Hudson River, and that major economic and recreational benefits are derived from activities on or adjacent to the Hudson River by communities along or near the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board finds that a cost-effective environmental benefit derived from this proposal has not been shown at this time, and

WHEREAS, such a project would likely cause many long-term adverse environmental, economic, and social consequences for this region of New York State; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park Town Board hereby expresses its opposition to currently suggested remediation measures for the Hudson River that involve dredging and subsequent landfilling of PCB-contaminated sediments on environmental grounds and until such time that significant environmental benefits can be proven; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby transmits notice of such opposition in writing to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other Federal, State and local agencies having an interest in this project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Pritchard, Councilman Roth, Councilman Speckhard,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor LeRoy

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

April 20, 1998

Patricia O'Donnell, Town Clerk