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Mary J. Pearson, Town Clerk
Town of Halfmoon
191 Harris Road
P. O. Box 4700
Halfmoon, New York 12065

Dear Ms. Pearson:

This is in response to your letter of March 17, 1998 to EPA regarding the Hudson River PCBs Site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Town of Halfmoon 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 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

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COUNTY OF SARATOGA

TO: HONORABLE JEANNE M. FOX
FROM: TOWN BOARD TOWN OF HALFMOON
DATE: March 17, 1998

RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON
RIVER

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to: Casp/Action*

The Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon approved the referenced at the March 3, 1998 regular Board meeting. A certified copy of the resolution is enclosed.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the Town.

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WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Town of Halfmoon's attention concerning whether or not to dredge the Hudson River to remove PCB's, and

WHEREAS, the Town is familiar with numerous and varied studies and investigations pertaining thereto, and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the dredging of the Hudson River will only disturb the sediment beds and disturb the PCB's and make them cellular and put them into solution and increase the amount of PCB's in the water, and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the River is just available for sport fishing and that the dredging will adversely affect that recreational activity, and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the dredging will disturb the River and the river bed for no benefit and that the dredging will not positively improve the quality of water but will negatively impact the quality of the water, and

WHEREAS, the Town does not believe that the dredging is a viable or appropriate means to remove PCB's from the River,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon opposes the dredging of the Hudson River for the removal of PCB's.
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hon. George E. Pataki, Governor; U. S. Senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan; U. S. Senator Alphonse D'Amato; U. S. Senator Ronald B. Stafford; U. S. Representative Gerald B. Solomon; Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea; Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little; Acting Commissioner Department of Environmental Conservation John Cahill; Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Jeanne M. Fox; and Administrator U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Carol Browner.

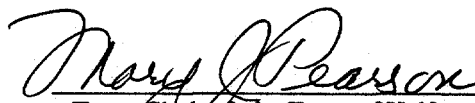
Dated: March 3, 1998

Mary J. Pearson
Town Clerk, Town of Halfmoon

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF SARATOGA)
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK
OF THE TOWN OF HALFMOON)

This is to certify, that I, MARY J. PEARSON, Town Clerk of the Town of Halfmoon in said County of Saratoga have compared the foregoing copy of RESOLUTION OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER with the original now on file in this office, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 3rd. Day of March, 1998.



Town Clerk of the Town of Halfmoon, Saratoga County