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Thomas M. Spence, Supervisor
Town of Hyde Park
627 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, New York 12538

Dear Mr. Spence:

This is in response to your letter of February 26, 1998 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner regarding the Hudson River PCBs Site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Town of Hyde Park 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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February 26, 1998

Hon. Carol Browner
Administrator
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
401 M. Street, SW
Washington, D. C. 20460

RE: Reassess Hudson River PCB's

Dear Madam:

Attached is a resolution which the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park passed on February 23, 1998. This expresses support for having the EPA Superfund continue to address the problem of PCBs infesting the Hudson River.

I expect that you will receive a number of nearly identical resolutions from various municipalities in the Hudson River Valley.

I thank you.

Yours truly,

Thomas M. Spence
Supervisor, Town of Hyde Park

attachment

cc: Assemblyman Miller
Bob Elliot, Mayor of Croton-on -Hudson
State Senator Saland
Town Board
Town Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK
Dutchess County
Office of the Clerk of the
TOWN OF Hyde Park

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This is to certify that I, Carole A. Clearwater, Clerk of the town of
Hyde Park in the said County of Dutchess

have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution 2:23-8 of 1998
with the original now on file in this office, and that the same is a correct and
true transcript of such original Resolution 2:23-8 of 1998
and the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said
Town this 25th day of February 19 98

Carole A. Clearwater

Clerk of the Town Board, Town of Hyde Park Dutchess
County, N. Y.

RESOLUTION 2:23-8 OF 1998

IN SUPPORT OF

EPA'S REASSESSMENT OF PCB's IN THE HUDSON RIVER

AND THE

EVALUTATION OF POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic 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, PCB's are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River and;

WHEREAS, PCB's were banned in 1976 because a variety of known and suspected impacts on humans and wildlife and,

WHEREAS, PCB's 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 the 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 PCB's and,

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park hereby expresses its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S EPA under the Superfund, including the 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 PCB's. Further, the Town of Hyde Park urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

MOTION: Councilwoman Sause

SECOND: Councilman Stuart

VOICE VOTE: 5-0 CARRIED