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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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JUN 15 1998

Sara M. Seiler, Village Clerk  
Village of South Nyack  
282 South Broadway  
South Nyack, New York 10960

Dear Ms. Seiler:

This is in response to your letter of January 13, 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 Nyack 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 "Richard L. Caspe".

Richard L. Caspe, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1998

PRESENT: Mayor Charles J. Cross, at 8:47 PM  
Trustees Sharon K. Bailey  
Patricia DuBow  
Richard C. Helmke, Deputy Mayor  
Karen Olson

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Keith Cornell  
Village Clerk Sara M. Seiler  
DPW Superintendent James Johnson  
Village Treasurer Barry MacCartney  
Village Residents

At 8:09 PM, following the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Mayor Helmke called the meeting to order.

HUDSON RIVER PCB'S: To urge the EPA to reassess the Hudson River PBC's and to evaluate potential remedial action, Mayor Cross moved as follows:

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, PCBs are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River; and

Whereas, PCBs were banned in 1976 because of a variety of known and suspected impacts on humans and wildlife; and

Whereas, PCBs 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 that 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 PCBs; and

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

6        THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of South Nyack hereby expresses its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S. EPA under the Superfund, including 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 PCBs. Further, the Village of South Nyack urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Helmke and duly adopted.

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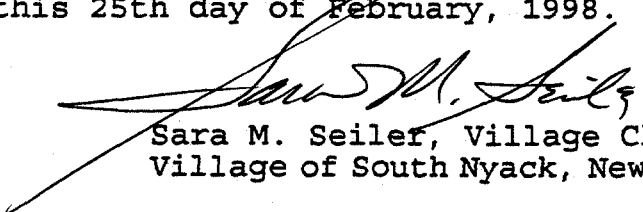
STATE OF NEW YORK

SS:

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

I, Sara M. Seiler, Village Clerk of the Village of South Nyack, New York, do hereby CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original now on file in this office, and the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

In witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Village of South Nyack this 25th day of February, 1998.

  
Sara M. Seiler, Village Clerk  
Village of South Nyack, New York

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