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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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JUN 16 1998

Jo-Ann Dyckman, Town Clerk
Town of Cortlandt
One Heady Street
Cortlandt Manor, New York 10566-1244

Dear Ms. Dyckman:

This is in response to your letter of February 2, 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 Cortlandt 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard L. Caspe", is written over the typed name.

Richard L. Caspe, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division



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TOWN CLERK

February 2, 1998

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

Dear Ms. Browner:

Enclosed please find Resolution No. 56-98 in support of the EPA's reassessment of PCB's in the Hudson River as the evaluation of potential remedial actions.

Said Resolution was adopted unanimously at a Regular meeting of the Town Board on January 13, 1998.

Sincerely,

Jo-Ann Dyckman
JO-ANN DYCKMAN
Town Clerk

Encl.

cc: Congresswoman Sue Kelly
NYS Department of Environmental Services

R E S O L U T I O N

NUMBER 56-98

(RE: IN SUPPORT OF THE EPA'S REASSESSMENT OF PCB'S IN THE HUDSON RIVER AS THE EVALUATION 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, PCB's are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, PCB's were banned in 1970 because of 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 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 PCB's; and

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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Cortlandt does hereby express 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 PCB's. Further, the Town of Cortlandt urges the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT
JO-ANN DYCKMAN
Town Clerk

Adopted on January 13, 1998
at a Regular Meeting
held at the Town Hall