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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2
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NEW YORK, NY 10007-1868

JUN 16 1998

Edna M. Leiser, Town Clerk
Town of Stuyvesant
P. O. Box 58
Stuyvesant Falls, New York 12174

Dear Ms. Leiser:

This is in response to your letter of March 12, 1998 to EPA regarding the Hudson River PCBs Site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Stuyvesant 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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TOWN OF STUYVESANT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION NO: 6

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At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 12th day of March, 1998 at the Town Hall, Stuyvesant New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Councilman Bradlee Webster

Seconded by: Councilman Paul Wied

WHEREAS, the United State Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant has the utmost concern for the health, welfare and safety of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 other communities have passed resolutions opposing the dredge and landfill project, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant finds there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to the dredge and landfill project at this time on the Hudson River and many ~~unmitigated~~ long term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the region have not been thoroughly addressed, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant finds that a dredge and landfill project would not be in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Stuyvesant, until a thorough and comprehensive plan has been completed that addresses our concerns about land filling and possible local or regional contamination, recontamination caused by such a decision.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant hereby expresses its opposition to the Hudson River remediation measure that involves dredge and landfill efforts of any kind at this time, hereby transmits notice of such opposition in writing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and such other local, state and national officials having an interest in the proposed project.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Councilman Bradlee Webster :

Councilman Paul Wied :

Councilwoman Valerie Bertram:

The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

Councilman Matthew Asbornsen

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Stuyvesant,

DATED: March 12, 1998

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