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Harold E. Robillard, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors of Warren County  
Municipal Center  
1340 State Route 9  
Lake George, New York 12845-9803

Dear Mr. Robillard:

This is in response to your letter of April 20, 1998 to EPA regarding the Hudson River PCBs Site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Warren County Board of Supervisors in which the Board 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

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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

bcc: OEX  
Ann Rychlenski, CD  
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Attached is a copy of Resolution No. 297, adopted by the Warren County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 17th day of April, 1998.

HAROLD E. ROBILLARD, CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK )

)ss.:

COUNTY OF WARREN )

I, HAROLD E. ROBILLARD, Clerk, of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy and the whole thereof of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, Lake George, New York on the 17th day of April, 1998.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of April, 1998.

  
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Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Warren County

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# Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 297 OF 1998

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, O'Neill, Belden, Montesi,  
Center, Quintal and Bennett

## OPPOSING ANY DREDGING AND LANDFILLING OF PCBs FROM THE HUDSON RIVER

WHEREAS, it appears that the United States Environmental Protection Agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCBs and/or that there is a movement underway to encourage the Agency to so reassess its decision, and

WHEREAS, it would seem that any PCB dredging and landfilling project would have significant long-term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for municipalities along the Hudson River, and

WHEREAS, there would not appear to be any benefit to dredging the Hudson River and it would seem that the same would just disturb the PCBs, take hundreds of years before things could settle down and possibly start another problem further downstream, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its opposition to the Hudson River remediation measure that involves the dredging and landfilling of PCBs and hereby authorizes and directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Association of Counties; Governor George E. Pataki; Senator Ronald B. Stafford; Assemblywoman Elizabeth Little; the Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks; the Environmental Protection Agency; and Congressman Gerald B. Solomon.