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Karen S. Lavinski, Town Clerk
Town of Warwick
132 Kings Highway
P. O. Box 489
Warwick, New York 10990

Dear Ms. Lavinski:

This is in response to your letter of January 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 Warwick in which the Town expresses its support for the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment being conducted by EPA.

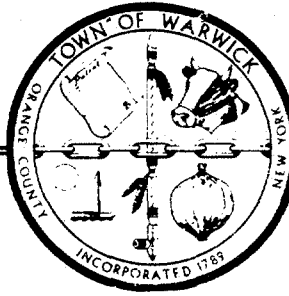
EPA appreciates the support from members of the Hudson River community with respect to the Reassessment study that we are currently conducting. As you know, the Reassessment, when completed, will include a detailed characterization of the PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River, calculation of the 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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January 26, 1998

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

RE: Resolution in support of EPA's Reassessment of PCBs in the
Hudson River and the Evaluation of Potential Remedial Actions
#R98-65

Dear Ms Browner:

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick
held Thursday, January 8, 1998, the Town Board adopted the above
resolution #R98-65. A certified copy of that resolution is attached.

Additional copies of this resolution have been forwarded to the Town of
Warwick's Congressional and State Representatives as follows:

Hon Benjamin A. Gilman (20th District), Congressional
Representative

Hon Joseph Holland (38th District), State Senator

Hon John J. Bonacic (95th District), State Assemblyman

Any further questions, please feel free to contact my office at the above
listed number.

Yours truly,


Karen S. Lavinski, CMC
Town Clerk

cc: Hon Robert W. Elliott, Mayor
Village of Croton-on-Hudson

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I, Karen S. Lavinski, Town Clerk of the Town of Warwick, in the County of Orange, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached resolution #R98-65 entitled RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EPA'S REASSESSMENT OF PCBS IN THE HUDSON RIVER AND THE EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick duly called and held on, Thursday, January 8, 1998, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of the Town Board and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Town of Warwick this 26th day of January, 1998.

S E A L

Karen S. Lavinski, CMC
Town Clerk

#R98-65 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT - EPA'S REASSESSMENT OF PCBs IN THE HUDSON RIVER AND THE EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Motion Councilwoman Gamache, seconded Councilman Pillmeier to adopt the following resolution in support of EPA's Reassessment of PCBs in the Hudson River and 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, 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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Warwick hereby expresses its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the US 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 Town of Warwick urges that the US EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

Motion Carried (5 ayes)