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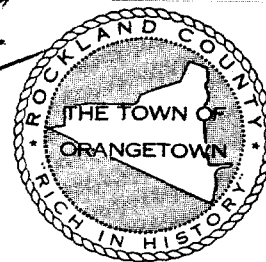
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Thom Kleiner  
Supervisor

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*For  
Muszynski  
re: Caspe Action  
Bellow*

August 6, 1998

Ms. Jeanne M. Fox, Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region II  
290 Broadway - 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Ms. Fox:

According to an article in the *Rockland Journal-News* on July 24, 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has discovered new evidence that shows that PCBs "are entering the Hudson River and endangering human health." The article also stated that the U.S.E.P.A. now believes that these contaminants are water-borne, not just simply buried under river sediment, as the General Electric Company has suggested.

The Town of Orangetown, located in Rockland County, New York, borders on the Hudson River, and is concerned about your finding. The Town Board passed a resolution in January urging the U.S.E.P.A. to complete the Hudson River reassessment as quickly as possible. That resolution, along with my letter to you of March 30, 1998, is enclosed for your information.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGIONAL OFFICE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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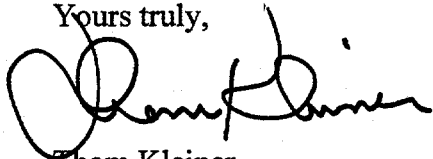
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I join with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and other environmental and public officials in urging General Electric to clean up the Hudson River as expeditiously as possible. When a final determination is made regarding the preferred method of clean-up, please notify me so that the Town can join with you to ensure that General Electric takes the proper steps. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thom Kleiner', written over the 'Yours truly,' line.

Thom Kleiner  
Supervisor

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cc: Governor Pataki  
Congressman Gilman  
County Executive Vanderhoef  
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Esq.  
Town Board, Town of Orangetown  
John Cronin, Riverkeeper  
Hudson Valley Regional Conference  
Scenic Hudson  
Concerned Citizens for Riverfront Development

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**RESOLUTION NO. 35**

**EXECUTE & DELIVER  
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREE  
OUT OF DISTRICT SEWER**

Councilman Fisher offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Vezzetti and was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver Intermunicipal agreement with Ramapo for Out of District Sewer Users (Town Attorney & Dir., Dept. of Environmental Mgt. & Eng.).

Ayes: Councilmen Fisher, Vezzetti, O'Donnell  
Supervisor Kleiner  
Noes: None

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**RESOLUTION NO. 36**

**ADOPT-A-PROGRAM/ST.  
DOMINIC'S HOME/VETS  
MEMORIAL PARK**

Councilman Vezzetti offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman O'Donnell and was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Adopt-a-Program agreement between St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, NY, and the Town of Orangetown for Veterans Memorial Park, Orangeburg, in accordance with the conditions and guidelines of the Town of Orangetown Parks & Recreation Department Adopt-a-Park program is hereby approved.

Ayes: Councilmen Vezzetti, O'Donnell, Fisher  
Supervisor Kleiner  
Noes: None

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**RESOLUTION NO. 37**

**MEMORIALIZING RESOL  
HUDSON RIVER PCBs**

Councilman Fisher offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman O'Donnell and was adopted:

WHEREAS, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical

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**ESOLUTION NO. 37 (continued)**

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; Now, Therefore, Be It

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Orangetown 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 Town of Orangetown urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

Ayes: Councilmen Fisher, O'Donnell, Vezzetti  
Supervisor Kleiner

Noes: None