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Honorable Robert Phinney
Mayor, Village of South Glens Falls
P.O. Box 1210
46 Saratoga Avenue
South Glens Falls, New York 12803-1210

Dear Mayor Phinney:

This is in response to your letter of November 10, 1998 to EPA Region II Administrator Jeanne M. Fox, concerning the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment Study. Specifically, your letter stated the South Glens Falls Village Board recently passed a resolution opposing EPA's creation of a 160 square-mile dump zone along the Hudson River in Washington, Saratoga, and Rensselaer Counties.

The above-referenced resolution appears to be based on a misunderstanding of certain statements in the Feasibility Study Scope of Work, which EPA released in September 1998. Please see the enclosed letter of November 5, 1998, which EPA sent to interested parties in an effort to clarify this issue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ann Rychlenski at 212-637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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To All Interested Parties:

At the Steering Committee meeting held on October 19, 1998, it was brought to EPA's attention that certain language in the Feasibility Study Scope of Work (FS SOW) could be misconstrued. As such, the Agency believes that it is appropriate to clarify the intended meaning of the language in question.

On page 17 of the FS SOW, the last two general response actions (Nos. 5 and 6) use the term "on-site" when describing possible locations for post-removal dewatering, treatment or ultimate disposal alternatives. At the bottom of page 17, the FS SOW defines the use of the term "on-site" for purposes of the FS SOW:

For general response actions 5 and 6 identified above, "on-site" refers to a corridor including the Upper River and extending two miles from either bank.

The use of the term "on-site" in the FS SOW was not intended to be a legal definition of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site. The term "on-site" in the FS SOW was intended only as a shorthand way of describing land in close proximity to the river that could potentially be used for a treatment or disposal facility. We used the term simply as a synonym for "near-river."

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Please attach this clarification to your copy of the FS SOW.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Ann Rychlenski, at 212-637-3956.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas J. Tomchuk".

Douglas J. Tomchuk, Project Manager
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November 10, 1998

Carol Browner
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Dear Administrator Browner:

At our regularly scheduled South Glens Falls Village Board meeting on November 4, 1998, the South Glens Falls Village Board unanimously passed a resolution opposing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's creation of a 160 square mile dump zone along the Hudson River in Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties.

The South Glens Falls Village Board was very annoyed at the fact that EPA would create such a huge dump zone area without notifying anyone in the dump zone area. This underhanded and secret creation of a federal dump zone without notification to the very people that the EPA and federal government should be serving is unbelievable. It's a shame that the opinions of the residents of the area are ignored and EPA's deliberate continuation of ignoring the will of the majority is beyond acceptance.

The Village Board unanimously agrees to join hands with other municipalities in opposing this action.

I ask you to join the South Glens Falls Village Board in appealing EPA's decision to continue to consider dredging of the Hudson River and to totally oppose the location of a PCB dump site in the area.

Very truly yours,



Robert Phinney
Mayor

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