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Honorable Kim Gamache
Mayor, Village of Schulerville
35 Spring Street
Schulerville, New York 12871

Dear Mayor Gamache:

This letter is in response to the resolution which was forwarded on November 06, 1998 to EPA Region II Administrator Jeanne M. Fox, concerning the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment Study. The Village of Schulerville 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
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Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NO. _____1_____

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection agency is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Upper Hudson River to remove buried sediment containing PCB's, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has recently released a report that suggests the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging and a PCB landfill in or around the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, PCB landfill projects have twice before been proposed for agricultural properties in the Town of Fort Edward and have not gone forward due to strong opposition from the citizens of Fort Edward and the surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would have significant, long term adverse environmental, economic and social consequences for all Hudson River communities, including the Village of Schuylerville, especially affecting the agricultural industry and the quality of life currently enjoyed in the area, and

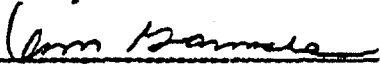
WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would disrupt normal recreational use of the river and jeopardize public and private investments in river related amenities affecting the entire Upper Hudson region, and

WHEREAS, a PCB dredge and landfill project would adversely affect land values throughout the Upper Hudson region and discourage private investment that might lead to the creation of new jobs, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Schuylerville, finds that there is no demonstrated environmental benefit to a dredge and landfill project on the Hudson River and many unmitigated long-term negative environmental, economic and social consequences affecting the entire region, and now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Schuylerville, in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, hereby express its opposition to Hudson River remediation measures that involve dredge and landfill efforts of any kind and hereby transmits notice of

such opposition in writing to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato; U.S. Representative Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; Acting New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Senator Joseph L. Bruno; and New York State Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea.



Mayor Kim Gamache



Village Clerk, Kimberly LeBaron

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