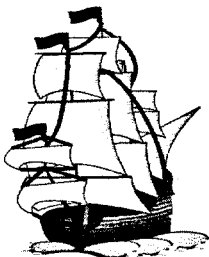


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cc: *Casper*
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TO: Jeanne M. Fox, Administrator – Region II
United States Environmental Protection Agency
FROM: Town of Halfmoon Town Board
DATE: February 28, 2001
RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING DREDGING OF THE UPPER HUDSON
RIVER AND CREATION OF A TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL

The Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon approved the referenced at the February 20, 2001 regular Board meeting. A certified copy of the resolution is enclosed.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the Town.

U.S. EPA, REGION II
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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RESOLUTION
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF HALFMOON
SARATOGA COUNTY

SUBJECT: OPPOSING EPA'S PROPOSED DREDGING OF UPPER HUDSON RIVER AND SITING OF DE-WATERING/TREATMENT/TRANSFER FACILITIES IN THE TOWN OF HALFMOON

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has issued a proposed plan for the removal of polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCB's"), from the upper Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the EPA's proposed plan which is identified as the preferred remedy calls for the removal through dredging techniques of 2.65 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the upper Hudson River containing over 100,000 pounds of PCB's; and

WHEREAS, the preferred remedy includes treatment/processing facilities where the dredged sediments will be de-watered, stabilized and thereafter transported via railway to off-site permitted disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the preferred remedy includes another solids disposal option which involves beneficial use of non-TSCA dredged material; and

WHEREAS, within the target areas, the goal of the proposed plan is to remove all the PCB-contaminated sediment, leaving a residual of approximately 1mg/kg or less and their plan is to place approximately one foot of backfill where appropriate over the residual area, the transportation needed to haul the material could impact our traffic and roads within the Town of Halfmoon; and

WHEREAS, reports have been issued which identify certain lands in the Town of Halfmoon along the Hudson River as a potential site for a treatment/processing and transportation facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon has, in the past voiced strong opposition to upper Hudson River PCB remediation options that

involve mechanical dredging of contaminated sediment from the Hudson River;
and

WHEREAS, EPA's proposed plan as presented does not clearly identify or specify an exact singular type of method of dredging that would be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is concerned that during the dredging activity, contaminated sediments may become re-suspended or disbursed into the waters of the Hudson River thereby defeating any purpose of project; and

WHEREAS, the EPA estimates it would take three to five years to design and implement the proposed remedy; and

WHEREAS, the dredging of the upper Hudson River could impact recreational opportunities and adversely affect property values and may serve as a dis-incentive for economic development and the attraction of industry and employment to our region;

WHEREAS, a facility in the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ or the treatment and processing of contaminated sediments could adversely impact agricultural opportunities, economic development opportunities, property values and impair recreational opportunities in the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ as well as create unprecedented noise and visual impacts to our community; and

WHEREAS, the siting of any such facility within the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ could adversely affect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ as well as to visitors of the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ and would likely present traffic and other safety concerns as well as adversely impact the quality of life in the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ ; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board concludes that since the PCB contamination was produced outside of Saratoga County, it would be unfair and unconscionable to locate the contaminated sediment treatment and processing facility in the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ or anywhere in Saratoga County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ expresses strong opposition to the proposed plan of the

EPA to remove 2.65 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment containing over 100,000 pounds of PCB's from the Hudson River by using unspecified dredging techniques; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ hereby expresses strong opposition to the siting of a treatment/processing and transportation facility for the contaminated sediments anywhere in the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs and authorizes the Supervisor to provide a copy of this resolution opposing dredging of the upper Hudson River and the siting of the de-watering/stabilization or treatment/transfer facilities in the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ to the following:

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Administrator, Carol Browner
Region II, EPA, Administrator Jeanne M. Fox
United States Senator Elect Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senator Charles Schumer
United States Representative John Sweeney
New York State Governor George E. Pataki
New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill
New York State Senator Joseph Bruno
New York State Senator Ronald Stafford
New York State Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea
Saratoga County Board of Supervisors

Motion: Councilman Polak

Second: Councilman Tollisen

Roll Call: Councilman Polak Aye
Councilman Tollisen Aye
Deputy Supervisor Bold Aye

I hereby certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of ~~Halfmoon~~ at the ~~regular~~ meeting of the Town Board conducted on ~~February~~ 20, 2001.

By: Mary J. Pearson
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Town Clerk