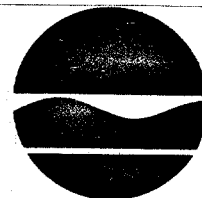


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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Thomas C. Jorling
Commissioner

April 5, 1993

Mr. Douglas Tomchuk
US Environmental
Protection Agency
Region II
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278

Dear Mr. Tomchuk:

RE: Hudson River Reassessment RI/FS
Site No.: 5-46-031

This letter is to request that the source condition and the related General Electric (GE) data should be the topic and focus of the next Scientific and Technical Committee. We feel it is important that this information be evaluated by the committee members and their input used to evaluate any modifications to EPA's proposed investigations during 1993.

Information should be sent to each of the members and they should be allowed sufficient time to evaluate the information before the meeting. You should also consider having a short presentation on the data. It would also be advisable to have GE's consultant present to answer specific questions regarding the data.

One issue which has concerned us relates to the increase PCB fish levels between 1991 and 1992. This is important since proposed fish sampling is intended to be used to evaluate what to do with the contaminated sediments. We remain concerned that fish sampling for the fish invertebrate/sediment linkage in the Ecological Assessment will be of limited value and will only reflect the source condition for 1993. We request that fish sampling be considered for 1994 if the project schedule becomes delayed. This sampling is especially important if there is a change in the source condition in 1993.

In a related matter we have sent Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation a letter from GE regarding the determination to close the valves at the gate structure on the eastern side of Bakers Falls. Enclosed is a copy for your information. We will inform you when the valve is closed.

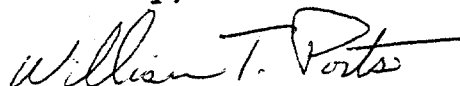
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If you have any questions or want to discuss this further,
please feel free to contact me at (518) 457-5677.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William T. Ports". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

William T. Ports, P.E.
Environmental Engineer 2
Bureau of Central Remedial Action
Div. of Hazardous Waste Remediation

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