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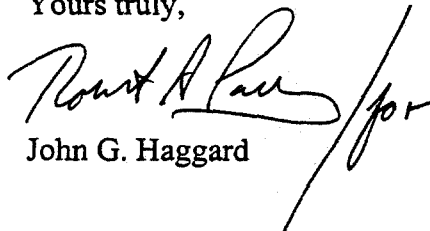
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are three copies each of the reports titled *Field Sampling Plan for Analysis of Food-Web Structure of the Upper Hudson River, Spring 1998* and *Data Report: Macroinvertebrate Communities and Diets of Selected Fish Species in the Upper Hudson River*. The Field Sampling Plan (FSP) describes the study design, field sampling methods, and sample analysis methods. Also contained within the FSP are the Quality Assurance Project Plan, which specifies quality control measures and quality assurance requirements for the study, and the Health and Safety Plan, which describes procedures taken to protect the health of field personnel. The Data Report documents the background and rationale for the study, the methods for data collection, quality assurance procedures, and the results of the conventional analyses on sediments (total organic carbon and grain size), biomass determinations of macroinvertebrate and aquatic vegetation samples, taxonomic identification and enumeration of macroinvertebrate community samples, and the fish stomach content samples collected during May 1998.

If you have any questions, let me know. Please place a copy of this report and letter into the Site Administrative Record for the Upper Hudson River Superfund site.

Yours truly,

  
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