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To: Connie Eristoff

This is in response to your recent inquiry concerning the impacts of PCB contamination on maintenance dredging operations and navigation in the Hudson River.

From the beginning of the PCB project, there has been a great deal of concern that the presence of PCBs in the upper Hudson River would adversely affect navigation on the river in, and downstream of, the project area. However, except for the reach of the river between Ft. Edward and the Troy Dam, and a proposed dredging project in the Albany Turning Basin, no maintenance dredging operation has been denied because of PCB contamination.

In conclusion, PCB contamination is causing some navigation difficulties in the Hudson River between Ft. Edward and Troy. Navigation in the Hudson River below the Troy Dam has apparently been unaffected by the PCB contamination.

Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

cc: W. Muszynski  
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