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William T. Ports, P.E.
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New York State Department of
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50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12233-7010

Re: Hudson River PCBs Site - State ARARs and TBCs

Dear Mr. Ports:

As you know, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a Feasibility Study for the Reassessment of the Hudson River PCBs Site (Site) which, along with EPA's Proposed Plan, will be released in December 2000. To that end, EPA is hereby requesting, pursuant to Section 121(d)(2)(ii) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(d)(2)(ii), as amended (CERCLA) and §§ 300.400(g)(5) and 300.430(d)(3) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), codified at 40 CFR Part 300, that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) identify to EPA all applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements under state environmental or facility siting laws (ARARs), as well as advisories, criteria or guidance that may be useful in developing CERCLA remedies (the "to be considered" category, known as TBCs) for the Site.

Pursuant to § 300.515(h)(2) of the NCP, EPA typically requests that state support agencies identify ARARs after the initial screening of alternatives but prior to the initiation of the comparative analysis conducted during the detailed analysis phase of the Feasibility Study. For the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment, EPA is requesting that NYSDEC identify the state ARARs and TBCs during the Agency's screening of technologies and alternatives in order to facilitate the screening process.

Pursuant to § 300.400(g)(4) of the NCP, "[o]nly those state standards that are promulgated, are identified by the state in a timely manner, and are more stringent than federal requirements may be applicable or relevant and appropriate. For purposes of identification and notification of

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promulgated state standards, the term *promulgated* means that the standards are of general applicability and are legally enforceable." Pursuant to § 300.400(g)(5) of the NCP, NYSDEC is required to "include a citation to the statute or regulation from which [each ARAR]...is derived."

Please send me, in writing, the list of New York State ARARs and TBCs within 30 working days of receipt of this request. Please list the ARARs and TBCs separately and identify whether they are chemical-specific, action-specific, or location specific. A copy of your June 20, 1995 letter identifying potential ARARs and TBCs for this site is enclosed for your reference.

Please note that, pursuant to § 300.515(h)(2) of the NCP, EPA will continue to consult NYSDEC throughout the Feasibility Study to ensure that identified ARARs and TBCs are updated as appropriate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (212) 637-3959.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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