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RE: Hudson Reassessment

Dear Doug:

I am certain that the staff will provide you details on last week's public meeting in Hudson, New York. I thought, however, that I would share with you three short observations:

1. Despite the 200-mile round trip, there were many more citizen attendees from the Upper River than from the closer mid-Hudson area. Judy Dean, co-chair of the Citizens Committee, made some very poignant remarks about who would be most impacted by the Reassessment process. She urged EPA to consider that impact when arranging for future citizen participation.
2. Most attendees did not understand Dr. Bopp's role or the purpose of the high resolution sediment cores. Admittedly, GE has the most technical questions on this issue but there is a need expressed by other parties to have this part of the Work Plan described more fully.
3. There is a general desire to have more real time communication from EPA. In addition to the high resolution cores, people would like to know more about the human and ecological risk assessments. In an attempt to set up a mechanism for that communication, GE proposed monthly working meetings. I have enclosed a one page description of what we have in mind.

I'll give you a call in about a week to get your reaction to our working meeting proposal.

Sincerely,

John H. Claussen

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PROPOSED ENHANCEMENT OF EPA's CIP PROCESS

OBJECTIVES:

- Instill greater public confidence in EPA's Reassessment by providing all interested parties the opportunity to exchange and discuss with EPA information relevant to Phase 2.
- Provide this opportunity through a mechanism that:
 - is frequent and timely
 - is scheduled in advance for adequate notice
 - allows sufficient time for a dialogue on the details, not just presentations on the broad outline
 - is free of unfair access by any particular parties
- Accomplish the above objectives but still preserve EPA's decision-making role.
- Enhance the flow of information to EPA so that it can make the best, most well informed decision

PROPOSED WORKING MEETINGS

- Frequency: Once a month scheduled in advance
e.g. Half-day meeting on the first Tuesday of every month
- Attendees: All interested parties
- Location: To be determined by EPA in consultation with the parties
- Agenda: Determined by the most recent activity
e.g.
 - Overall project status
 - Recent or upcoming data collection and analysis by EPA
 - Data collection or analysis by other parties

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