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Mr. William McCabe, Deputy Director
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290 Broadway, 19th Floor
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RE: Hudson River—Data Report Peer Review

Dear Mr. McCabe:

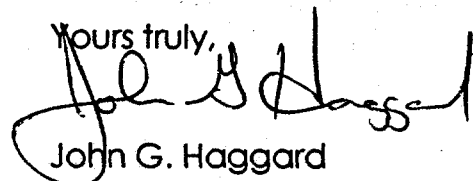
We understand that on March 16, 17 and 18, 1999, the USEPA will be convening a scientific peer review panel to evaluate the Agency's Data Evaluation and Interpretation Report (DEIR), the Low Resolution Coring Report (LRCR) and the Agency's response to comments received on these reports. GE applauds the Agency for seeking independent review of the important scientific issues that have been raised in reaction to these documents.

GE has expended considerable effort to provide the Agency with extensive technical comments on each of these reports. Indeed, we understand that a large part of USEPA's response to comments on the DEIR and the LRCR is directed at the GE comments developed on our behalf by Quantitative Environmental Analysis (QEA). It is logical and in the interest of sound science that the peer review panel have the benefit of hearing directly from, and question, the individuals at QEA who performed the analysis and developed the comments.

We respectfully request that Dr. John Connolly of QEA be allowed at least 1 hour during the three-day peer review session to present a summary of our scientific analysis and comments, and to answer the reviewers' questions.

I look forward to your response. Please place a copy of this letter in the site Administrative file for the upper Hudson River Superfund site.

Yours truly,



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