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To All Interested Parties:

EPA intends to begin the peer review of the Baseline Modeling Report for the Hudson River PCBs site in January 2000. This is the third of four peer reviews that the Agency plans to conduct on the science of the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment. The peer review session will be held in March 2000. Exact dates and locations will be announced when available.

As part of each peer review, EPA guidance requires that the Agency formulate a clear, focused charge that identifies recognized issues and invites comments or assistance. As with the two previous peer reviews for the site, EPA will consider charge questions submitted by the public for incorporation into the charge that EPA provides to the peer reviewers. If you have suggestions for charge questions on the Baseline Modeling Report, then please submit them, in writing, to:

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Please submit all suggested charge questions by **December 20, 1999**.

Examples of charge questions are available in the reports prepared following each of the two previous peer reviews. These were distributed to the Reassessment report mailing list, which includes the steering committee members (chairs and co-chairs of the liaison groups), Hudson River PCB Oversight Committee members, Scientific and Technical Committee members, and other interested parties. In addition, the peer review reports can be found in the information repositories. The charges from the first two peer reviews are also available on the Hudson River PCBs web site at: www.epa.gov/hudson.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the Reassessment in general, please contact Ann Rychlenski at 212-637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

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