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**STATEMENT OF U.S. EPA ADMINISTRATOR CAROL M. BROWNER
On EPA Hudson River Study on PCB-Contaminated Sediments**

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"The study released today confirms EPA's concerns that PCB's in the Upper Hudson River continue to threaten the health of the people who live along the river. Despite long-standing industry claims that PCB's remain safely buried under river sediment, this study shows just the opposite -- significant amounts of PCB's are moving throughout the river system. As I have stated before, EPA will take whatever actions necessary to protect the people of the Hudson Valley from the significant risks posed by PCB contamination. We are now evaluating all appropriate immediate actions to take to protect public health and the environment along the river."