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EPA TO HOLD TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE PHASE 1 REPORT FOR THE HUDSON RIVER PCB SUPERFUND SITE REASSESSMENT

NEW YORK -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that it will hold two public meetings on the Phase 1 Report for the Hudson River PCB Superfund Site Reassessment. The Phase 1 Report is an interim report containing a comprehensive summary and evaluation of all data currently available for the Hudson River PCB Superfund site. Included in the Phase 1 Report is a Preliminary Health Risk Assessment focusing on the potential risks associated with the ingestion of some species of upper Hudson River fish.

In order to accommodate people from different regions along the River, EPA will hold two public meetings, one up and one down River as follows:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, September 11, 1991
Meeting Time:	7:00 P.M.
Meeting Location:	The Radisson Hotel 40 Civic Center Plaza Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 12, 1991
Meeting Time:	7:00 P.M.
Meeting Location:	Durkee Hose Company 116 Broadway Ft. Edward, NY 12828

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The Phase 1 Report and other site related documents may be reviewed by the public at any one of the thirteen information repositories established for the Hudson River PCB Reassessment. (A full listing of information repositories and their locations is provided on the last page of this release.)

These public meetings are a part of EPA's continuing Community Interaction Program for the Hudson River PCB Reassessment. EPA is committed to a broad program of public participation in the Superfund process, and we encourage all members of the public to attend these meetings and give their comments on this important environmental project.

Site History

During a 30-year period ending in 1977, it is estimated that approximately 1.1 million pounds of PCBs were discharged into the Hudson River from two General Electric (GE) capacitor manufacturing plants located in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls, New York. Much of these PCBs adhered to sediments which accumulated behind the Fort Edward Dam. When the deteriorating dam was removed in 1973, the PCB-contaminated sediments were transported downstream.

In 1976, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) banned all fishing in the upper Hudson River from the Troy Dam north through Fort Edward, because PCB levels in Hudson River fish were in excess of Food and Drug Administration limitations. The ban is still in effect today, and there is a commercial fishing ban in the lower Hudson River for certain species (e.g., striped bass). In 1983, the site was placed on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL); and in 1984, EPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Hudson River PCBs site. Among the decisions in the ROD was the selection of an interim No Action alternative for the PCB-contaminated river sediments.

In 1989, EPA announced that it would reassess the 1984 No Action decision. The determination to conduct the reassessment was based on additional data developed by New York State with respect to the movement and persistence of the PCBs in the sediments, the

advances in technologies for treating PCB-contaminated materials, amendments to the Superfund law in 1986 which give preference to permanent remedies, and EPA's policy to conduct five-year reviews of remedial actions in which hazardous substances remain on site.

EPA issued a Scope of Work for the Reassessment Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study in December 1990, which outlined a three-phase approach to the project. In addition, a Community Interaction Program was developed to support public participation in the Reassessment.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES FOR THE HUDSON RIVER PCB REASSESSMENT

ADRIANCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
93 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601

CRANDALL LIBRARY
CITY PARK
GLENS FALLS, NY 12801

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY
CEC EMPIRE PLAZA
ALBANY, NY 12230

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY
100 SECOND STREET
TROY, NY 12180

NYSDEC
REGION 4
2176 GUILDERLAND AVE.
SCHENECTADY, NY 12406

NYSDEC
DIVISION OF HAZARDOUS
WASTE REMEDIATION
50 WOLF RD.
ALBANY, NY 12233

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26 FEDERAL PLAZA
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WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICE BLDG.
UPPER BROADWAY
FT. EDWARD, NY 12828

FT. EDWARD TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
FT. EDWARD TOWN HALL
118 BROADWAY
FT. EDWARD, NY 12828

SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
320 BROADWAY
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
(NYSDEC)**
REGION 3
21 SOUTH PUTT CORNERS RD.
NEW PALTZ, NY 12561

NYSDEC
REGION 5
ROUTE 86
RAY BROOK, NY 12977

NYSDEC
SUNY CAMPUS
BUILDING 40
STONY BROOK, NY 11790

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