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## **PANEL FOR THIRD ROUND OF PEER REVIEW FOR HUDSON RIVER PCBS ANNOUNCED BY EPA**

**FOR RELEASE: Tuesday, January 11, 2000**

(#00011) New York, New York -- An independent group of experts charged with reviewing the scientific work contained in EPA's Phase 2 Baseline Modeling Report, which is part of the agency's Hudson River PCBs Reassessment project, will meet Wednesday and Thursday, January 12 and 13, 2000, to hear presentations given by EPA on its computer modeling work. The Phase 2 Baseline Modeling Report contains findings on the future levels of PCBs expected in Hudson River sediment, water and fish. The panel members are also scheduled to go on a tour of the upper Hudson River to become familiar with the areas under study.

The meeting will begin with an opening presentation at 9:00a.m. on January 12, 2000, at the Holiday Inn Turf, located at 250 Wolf Road, Albany, New York. At 11:00a.m., the panel will be taken on a site tour for the balance of the afternoon. On Thursday, January 13, 2000, from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., the presentations will continue and the reviewers will receive their charge. This is the third group of experts empaneled to review the science that is the basis of the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment. They are expected to give EPA their recommendations in March of this year. The fourth and last group will review EPA's Human Health Risk Assessments and Ecological Risk Assessments later this year.

The members of the panel are:

- Ellen Bentzen, Ph.D., Research Scientist, Department of Environmental and Resource Studies, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
- Alan Elzerman, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Engineering and Science, and Director, School of the Environment, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina
- Per Larsson, Ph.D., Director of Limnology and Marine Ecology, Department of Ecology, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden
- Grace Luk, Ph.D., Professor, Civil Engineering, Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Wu-Seng "Winston" Lung, Ph.D., P.E., Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Robert Nairn, Ph.D., P.E., Principal, Baird & Associates, Oakville, Ontario, Canada
- Ross Norstrom, Ph.D., Head, Research, Wildlife Toxicology Division, National Wildlife Centre, Environment Canada, Hill, Quebec; Adjunct Professor, Department of Chemistry, Carleton University and Ottawa-Carleton Chemistry Institute, Ottawa, Ontario, Conjoint Professor, Watershed Ecosystems Graduate Program, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

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