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Kathleen Marchione  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Saratoga  
40 McMaster Street  
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Dear Ms. Marchione:

This is in response to your letters of October 21, 1997 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner and EPA Region 2 Administrator Jeanne M. Fox, regarding the Hudson River PCBs site. Your letters forward a copy of Resolution 132 - 97 by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in which the Board of Supervisors expresses its opposition to any remediation measures for the site that involve the dredging of PCB-contaminated sediments from the Hudson River and the disposal of those sediments in a landfill.

In my September 3, 1997 letter to the Board, I explained that EPA is currently conducting a study that will ultimately result in a remedial decision for the PCB-contaminated sediments in the upper Hudson River, but that EPA has not yet made any decision. Your most recent Resolution reflects an understanding of the information outlined in my letter. At the same time, I believe that it is important for the Board to understand several important technical issues, as the Resolution contains several statements that are contrary to EPA's current understanding of PCBs in the Hudson River. The best way to convey such technical information would be for my staff to conduct a briefing for the Board. As such, I repeat my offer from the September 3 letter, for my staff to make a presentation on the Hudson River PCB Reassessment study before the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.

If you have any questions, or would like to arrange for such a briefing, please contact Ann Rychlenski, the Community Relations Coordinator for the site, at (212) 637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

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