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Honorable Jeanne Fox, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: Hudson River PCBs RRI/FS Site**

Dear Administrator Fox:

As you know, for more than 20 years, there has been overwhelming public opposition to dredging the Upper Hudson River. Given the requirements of the Superfund law and the strong emphasis Administrator Browner has placed on community acceptance of EPA decisions, the sustained public opposition to dredging warrants careful consideration by EPA.

I enclose petitions and postcards containing 14,077 signatures against dredging. These were signed by residents of the 13 communities in Washington and Saratoga counties that immediately adjoin the Upper Hudson River. These are the communities that arguably have the most to gain and the most to lose from an Upper Hudson River remediation program, and they have spoken clearly and decisively against the dredging option. The petitions and postcards were signed in July and August 2000 after EPA had issued, and the local press had reported extensively on, its Hudson River modeling, human health and ecological risk reports. It is important to note that the petitions and postcards oppose both dredging and landfilling.

Also enclosed are resolutions adopted in the last three years by the elected leaders of more than 60 local governments in the Upper Hudson region opposing dredging and landfilling.

Please include all of this material in the administrative record for this site.

Sincerely,  
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Enclosures

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