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EPA to hold session about report on PCBs in Hudson

The federal Environmental Protection Agency is holding a daylong informational session in Saratoga Springs about its newest report on PCBs in the Hudson River.

Those interested in better understanding the report that summarizes and evaluates all available data for the Hudson River Superfund site may partic-

ipate in person or by telephoning EPA staff at 1-800-287-1395.

They will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5 at the Saratoga Springs City Center in Room 101.

The interim report, among other things, supports the need for the existing fishing ban for the upper Hudson, which was is-

sued in 1976 by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

During a 30-year period ending in 1977, approximately 1.1 million pounds of polychlorinated biphenyls were discharged into the Hudson River from General Electric Co. plants in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls. PCBs are toxic chemicals thought to cause cancer in humans. They

contaminated sediment, which remains in the river, some of which has moved downstream.

A public hearing on the reassessment report is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Durkee Hose Co., 116 Broadway, Fort Edward. For additional information, contact Ann Tychlenski, community relations coordinator for the EPA at 212-264-7214.

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