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The Honorable Christine Whitman
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1220 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Whitman:

Early this morning I provided the White House with a list of requests pertinent to your recent decision to implement your predecessor's plan to dredge the Hudson River in my Congressional District.

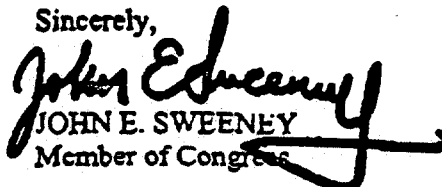
Below I provide you that list:

- (1) Immediately scale back the scope of your proposal for the Hudson River, to remediate only the most egregious PCB-contaminated areas. For example, Site 28 / the Thompson Island Pool.
- (2) Despite your repeatedly stating that the issues of landfills and dewatering sites cannot be addressed until the design phase, immediately guarantee the residents and property owners of the affected area that dewatering and land filling will not occur in the 22nd Congressional District. To do less would further add to the trauma already being experienced by these taxpaying residents.
- (3) Guarantee that transshipment of PCBs will be implemented in such a manner so as to not negatively affect the property of any residents in the affected area.
- (4) Provide assurance that residents and businesses negatively affected by your decision will be financially compensated for their losses.

I wish to remind you that the items listed above are not new to you or your staff, as they were integral parts of previous discussions related to this matter that took place over the past several weeks. As you know, we were nearing consensus on an alternate plan.

I remain extremely displeased by both your handling of this matter and the scope of your plan and strongly urge you to make these adjustments to at least alleviate the harm that will be done to the people I represent in the Upper Hudson River region.

Sincerely,


JOHN E. SWEENEY
Member of Congress

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