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PCB's in the Hudson

Environmentalists Oppose Shift on Hudson Dredging (October 3, 2001)

To the Editor:

You report (news article, Oct. 3) that the Environmental Protection Agency is considering inserting performance standards in its directive now on how the General Electric Company should dredge the Hudson River of PCB's, rather than during the design phase of the project, as is customary. You also report a possible move to administer the project from Washington rather than from the E.P.A. regional office in New York.

To adopt performance standards before the design of the cleanup project may jeopardize the entire project. And to move management of the project to Washington would do nothing but politicize it.

Let E.P.A. Region II, in consultation with New York State, make the project a success. Anything short of that will sabotage the cleanup plan. Science is in our corner for the Hudson.

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