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# The Legislature of Rockland County



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Ilan S. Schoenberger  
Chairman

Richard Menocker  
Clerk

May 10, 2001

Jeanne M. Fox, Regional Administrator  
Jurisdiction Region No. 2  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
290 Broadway  
New York, New York 10007

U.S. EPA. REGION II  
EMER. & REM. RES. DIV.  
2001 MAY 15 PM 2:00  
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

RE: **Resolution No. 181 Of 2001** – Supporting The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Plan For Remedial Action To Clean Up PCB's In The Hudson River

Dear Ms. Fox:

Enclosed please find a copy of the above referenced resolution with memorandum from the County Executive, which was approved at the April 3, 2001 meeting of the full Legislature.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Menocker".

Richard Menocker  
Clerk to the Legislature

Enc.  
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**C. SCOTT VANDERHOEF**  
County Executive

To: Richard Menocker  
Clerk to the Legislature

From: C. Scott Vanderhoef  
County Executive

Date: May 3, 2001

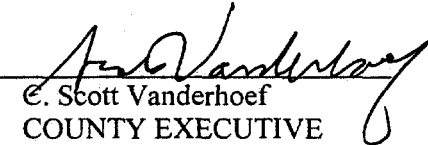
Re: **Resolution No. 181 of 2001 - SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S PLAN FOR REMEDIAL ACTION TO CLEAN UP PCB'S IN THE HUDSON RIVER.**

I am returning herewith the above-cited resolution, neither approved nor disapproved, in accordance with my previously stated policy regarding Memorializing Resolutions requesting other governmental entities to take action not related to home rule request.

I respect my Legislative colleagues' desire to express their collective opinions to other governmental bodies via Memorializing Resolutions, but believe this administration's goals are better served by not interjecting the County Executive's approval or disapproval in the Memorializing Resolution process.

This is an expression of general administration policy unrelated to the merits of the subject matter of any specific Memorializing Resolution. Therefore, I neither adopt nor repudiate the sentiments expressed therein but allow them to stand solely as the Legislature's official position.

It is for the abovementioned reasons, I am returning the above-cited resolution neither approved nor disapproved.

  
C. Scott Vanderhoef  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
                                  ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF ROCKLAND )

I, the undersigned, Clerk to the Legislature of the County of Rockland DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is an original resolution of such Legislature, duly adopted on the 3rd day of April, 2001 by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature while such Legislature was in regular session with a duly constituted quorum of members present and voting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that at the time said resolution was adopted, said Legislature was comprised of seventeen members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Legislature this 5th day of April, 2001.

Date sent to the  
County Executive April 5, 2001

  
Clerk, Rockland County Legislature

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Certified or Approved  
C. SCOTT VANDERHOEF  
County Executive, County of Rockland

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(date)

RESOLUTION NO 181 OF 2001

## Introduced by:

Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor  
Hon. Alan M. Simon, Sponsor  
Hon. VJ Pradhan, Sponsor  
Hon. Frank Fornario, Sponsor  
Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, Sponsor  
Hon. Howard T. Phillips, Jr., Sponsor  
Hon. George O. Darden, Sponsor

Referral No. 9137

April 3, 2001

RESOLUTION NO. 181 OF 2001  
SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY'S PLAN FOR REMEDIAL ACTION  
TO CLEAN UP PCB'S IN THE HUDSON RIVER

CORNELL/JAFFEE: M.V.

WHEREAS, the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of our community and the Hudson river is a treasure asset; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River has been designated an American Heritage River, and the Valley as a National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200 miles of the Hudson River - from Hudson Falls to New York City - are a federal Superfund site due to the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination; and

WHEREAS, PCBs are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, PCBs were banned in 1976 because of a variety of known and suspected impacts on humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, PCBs remain in the Hudson River exposing humans and wildlife to their effects; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$40 million annually has been lost over the last twenty years because of the closure of Hudson River commercial fisheries and restrictions on recreationally caught fish and, as a result, the Hudson Valley has lost an important cultural heritage and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the economic vitality of the Hudson River region continues to be hampered by the limitations of recreational use of the River and the stigma of PCB contamination; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund officials determined in February 1997 that PCB "hot spots" in the sediment of the upper Hudson are the "dominant source" of PCB contamination to the River, and that microbial breakdown will not rid the River of PCBs; and

WHEREAS, the EPA's Hudson River Reassessment has determined that without remediation, present levels of contamination will continue indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Multi Services Committee has met, considered and by a vote of three ayes to two nays, approved this resolution; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature hereby expresses its support for the findings of the proposed remediation plan in the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S. EPA under the Superfund,, and urges EPA to complete the Reassessment and issue a Record of Decision (ROD) without delay, including the evaluation and timely implementation of remedial actions, which include environmental dredging, that can most effectively restore the Hudson River, as well as the evaluation of traditional disposal methods as well as innovative technologies that can be used to destroy PCBs.

**VOTE:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>12</b>	(Legislators Berliner, Corallo, Cornell, Darden, Jaffee, Karben, Moroney, Murphy, Phillips, Pradhan, Simon, Zebrowski)
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>4</b>	(Legislators Bierker, Dusanenko, Fornario, Jobson)
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>1</b>	(Legislator Schoenberger)

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