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Ms. Ann Rychlenski  
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Dear Ann:

Since I am unable to attend the July 21st HROC meeting, I felt that I should make a brief statement on behalf of the Agricultural Liaison Committee.

I must again note that our group strongly supports concurrent peer review of both EPA's and GE's Hudson River models by the same peer reviewers. This project is too big and has already taken too much time and resources to not have the right decision made in the end. The best decision is always made by considering ALL information available.

Members of our liaison committee have remained active and attentive during this long process. We became involved in this process so that we could understand the process and offer our opinion at timely points along the way. This is perhaps the most important opinion that we have offered to this point.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

*Tom Borden*

Tom Borden  
Chairman  
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