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Dear Hudson River Supporter:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, is presently beginning a reassessment Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study of the Hudson River PCB Superfund site in the upper Hudson River. In 1984, EPA signed a Record of Decision (ROD) that recommended a "no action" remedy to the PCB problem in the Hudson. The 1984 ROD also calls for a reassessment of the site, based on advances in technology to see if the "no action" decision is still appropriate.

We are aware of the fact that the Hudson River PCB issue is one that has generated considerable interest across a wide spectrum of the public; and it is because of this great interest that EPA has provided for a broad program of citizen involvement at this site via a Community Interaction Program (CIP), which is being initiated at this time.

At the heart of the CIP are Liaison Groups in four categories: Governmental Group, Environmental Group, Citizen Group, and Agricultural Group. These Liaison Groups will meet regularly in order to review documents pertinent to the Hudson River PCB Reassessment Project and to engage in a two-way dialogue with the Hudson River PCB Oversight Committee, (which will be made up of representatives from federal and state agencies as well as the private sector).

EPA would like to extend to you an invitation to become an active member of the Agricultural Liaison Group. This group will have its first meeting on Thursday, February 14, 1991, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at The Inn At Saratoga, in the Grovnors Room on the first floor at 231 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York. This first meeting will form the foundation of the groups by focusing on the election of a Chairperson and two (2) Co-Chairs for each group.

These representatives will be permanent members of a Steering Committee, whose purpose is to ensure the two-way flow of information between the Liaison Groups and the Oversight Committee. The Steering Committee will be made up of two EPA representatives, two New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) representatives, and twelve Liaison Group representatives. As this project progresses, we will be holding meetings in different communities up and down the Hudson River to ensure that all voices and opinions are heard.

Please fill out the attached form, indicating whether you or a representative would like to join the Agricultural Liaison Group, or, if you prefer to simply receive information on the progress of this project via fact sheets, news releases and newsletters. It is our hope at EPA, that you will become an active participant in this unique program for the improvement of the Hudson River and our environment. If you have any questions you may contact me at (212) 264-7214. Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter, and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



Ann Rychlenski, Community Relations Coordinator  
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HUDSON RIVER PCB COMMUNITY INTERACTION PROGRAM

AGRICULTURAL LIAISON GROUP

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I WISH TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LIAISON GROUP

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ONLY

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