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Dear Agricultural Liaison Group Member:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of EPA's Community Interaction Program for the Hudson River PCB Superfund site, by joining the Agricultural Liaison Group.

There are two documents enclosed with this letter. The folded Superfund Update will provide you with some background on the study that the US Environmental Protection Agency is now conducting related to the remediation of PCBs in the Hudson River. For a variety of reasons outlined in the Update, the EPA is currently restudying the Hudson River PCB problem. Much new data will be gathered and many technologies and alternatives will be assessed before any recommendation for clean-up is made.

An important part of the overall effort will be to involve the public as much as possible throughout the entire process, which we expect to complete in 1992. We have developed an extensive Community Interaction Program to provide the public with an effective and broad opportunity for participation; and the Liaison Groups are integral to this process. It is the function of the Liaison Groups to review project documents and forward their concerns, questions and suggestions "up the ladder", via their group Chairperson, to the Hudson River Oversight Committee. (The entire process is explained in the Update on page 3).

The second document enclosed with this letter is the Phase One Work Plan for the study, the first of the project documents that Liaison Group members will be asked to review. The Chairperson and the two Co-Chairs of each group will be attending a Steering Committee meeting on March 12, 1991, in order to bring the concerns of each Liaison Group to the table. Therefore, it is important that you have your comments and questions to your Chairperson, Tom Borden, before that date in March.

Tom Borden has called a meeting of the Agricultural Liaison Group to discuss these concerns prior to the Steering Committee meeting. This Liaison Group meeting is scheduled for February 28, 1991, at 12:30 p.m., and will be held in the Saratoga Town Hall in Schuylerville, New York, directly opposite the Post Office on Route 29. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to attend. Tom's telephone number is 518-753-4341, if you need to reach him.

If you have any questions regarding the Community Interaction Plan or EPAs Reassessment of the Hudson River PCB issue, please feel free contact me at 212/264-7214. Thanks again, and I look forward to our working together towards a clean and healthy Hudson River.

Sincerely,



Ann Rychlenski, Community Relations Coordinator
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Attachments