



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION II

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Dear Liaison Group Member:

As you know, over the course of the Community Interaction Program for the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment, we have implemented many new and innovative techniques in order to increase public participation in and awareness of the environmental issues surrounding this and other Superfund projects. The implementation of those techniques in the form of the sediment coring demonstration and the meeting with members of the Scientific and Technical Committee have proven highly successful, and we intend to continue in that innovative spirit in the new year.

One subject that has persistently come to the forefront throughout the life of the CIP is "EPA's Decision-Making Process" - or an explanation of the many whys and wherefores that are integral to a remedial decision. In order to assist you in a better understanding of this process, we would like to hold a workshop on this subject some time in late February or early March in the Albany area. Because this workshop would take up the better part of a day, we would be willing to hold it on a Saturday for the public's maximum convenience and attendance.

This workshop would consist of a mini-seminar on the decision-making process in Superfund with an emphasis on the Nine Criteria that EPA utilizes when examining various clean-up methods. After this, we would break up into small work groups for a hands-on exercise that places the participants in the roles of EPA and the various other agencies and "players" at a mock Superfund site. Needless to say, without significant participation by the Liaison Group membership, an exercise of this type would prove fruitless. Please let me know via the attached tear sheet if you would be interested in attending such an event. Please send your response to me by Friday, January 22, 1993, so that we can get a good idea of how many participants we can count on, and hopefully, go on to set the wheels in motion for this unique experience.

I want to encourage you to attend this workshop. It will afford you the opportunity to place yourself in EPA's role and give you a chance to experience the "decision-making process" in a manner few members of the public have had. Remember, without your participation this workshop will not happen - I hope your response makes it a reality. If you have any questions, please call me at 212/264-7214. Thanks and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ann Rychlenski", is written over a horizontal line.

Ann Rychlenski, Community Relations Coordinator
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WORKSHOP SURVEY

I would attend the workshop _____

I would not attend the workshop _____

If you would not attend the workshop, please state your reasons for non-participation.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please fill this out and return it to me no later than Friday, January 22, 1993. Send your response to:

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Any Questions - Call: 212/264-7214