



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION II

JACOB K. JAVITS FEDERAL BUILDING

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10278

January 5, 1993

Dear Liaison Group Officer:

Throughout the past year, we have had numerous conversations regarding new and innovative techniques for public participation in the Community Interaction Program (CIP) for the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment. The implementation of those techniques in the form of the sediment coring demonstration and the meeting with members of the Scientific & 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 why's and wherefore's (most specifically the Nine Criteria) that are the integral components of a remedial decision. In order to respond to this specific interest and to promote a better understanding of the decision making process, we would like to hold a workshop on this subject some time in late February or early March in the Albany area. In addition, since the workshop would take most of the day, we would hold it on a Saturday.

The workshop would consist of a mini-seminar on the decision making process with an emphasis on the Nine Criteria, after which the participants would break into smaller work groups for a role playing session utilizing a mock superfund site. This type of "hands-on" exercise has been most effective in many of our in-house seminars and could be put to good use in the CIP. Needless to say, without significant participation by the Liaison Group Membership this exercise would prove fruitless. Therefore, I am asking you to canvas your group as to their level of participatory interest and to ask you to encourage participation in this unique event. (As always, I will be happy to do a mailing for you). I am sending a letter to the membership at large in a few days to inform them of this workshop and to poll their interest level. I will telephone you soon; and I hope that with your help, we can make the workshop a success. If you have any questions, please call me at 212/264-7214. Thanks for your cooperation and consideration and have a great New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ann Rychlenski".

Ann Rychlenski, Community Relations Coordinator  
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