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Dear Liaison Group Member:

It's that time again. Another issue of **River Voices** is being prepared for publication under the Community Interaction Program for EPA's Reassessment of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site. This will be our fourth issue and I am writing to request your written contributions to our update.

It is my sincere hope that you will fully utilize this unique vehicle for exchanging information and expressing opinion on the many fascinating and challenging issues that are a part of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site and the Reassessment. As you know, contributed articles appear as written by the author and a real effort is made to maintain balance in the diverse opinions that are published in the pages of **River Voices**. During the two years that have passed since the formation of the Community Interaction Program and the Liaison Groups, we have had many discussions on the importance of "two-way exchange" between EPA and the public - so that new ideas and information flow in a constant dialogue - not just from "the government" to "the public".

Throughout the time that we have been meeting on the Reassessment, we have all heard many different voices speak on many different aspects of this project and the river that we all care so much about. We have agreed and disagreed and debated with each other. Regardless of those disagreements and debates, we must all agree that many of the voices raised have been educated and eloquent; I think that we also all agree that many of the thoughts that have been vocalized would also be well put to the written word.

River Voices has the potential to break new ground in public communication in Superfund, but in the end it will be what we make it. Please sit down and write, and let your neighbors know what you are thinking and doing with regard to the Reassessment and the Hudson River. Please send your articles to me by Wednesday, March 31, 1993 as follows: **Ann Rychlenski, Community Relations Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region 2, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 905, New York, NY 10278**. If you have any questions, please contact me at 212/264-7214. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Ann Rychlenski, External Programs Division