



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION II

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Dear Liaison Group Member:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome two new officers to the Environmental Liaison Group; Chairperson Nonna Shtipelman of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater (located in Poughkeepsie, NY), and Co-Chair John Santacrose of New York Audubon (Selkirk, NY). I am sure that you all join with me in extending congratulations and best wishes to these new officers in the upcoming work they will be involved in as the Reassessment evolves.

This winter, the resignations of former Chair Bridget Barclay and Co-Chair Kate Reilly created a significant gap in the Liaison Group structure. We felt it was necessary to fill those positions as quickly as possible, particularly in consideration of anticipated public activities planned around the release of the Phase 2 Report.

Therefore, a meeting of the Environmental Liaison Group was held in Latham, New York on Tuesday, January 17, 1995, for the sole purpose of election of officers. That task has been accomplished thanks to a successful meeting, and I can assure you that both Nonna and John take their elections to officership very seriously and are ready to ensure that the comments and concerns of the Environmental Liaison Group are heard and addressed by the Steering and Hudson River Oversight Committees.

In addition, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Environmental Liaison Group members for their cooperation in the election process, and to clarify the issue of election by proxy vote (a matter that arose when this election was announced).

No proxy votes will be taken at the election of Liaison Group officers, whether in person, by mail or by fax. The only votes accepted will be those cast at the meeting by a representative of the member organization. Since it is the organization that sits on the Environmental Liaison Group and not the individual, it is on behalf of the organization that the vote is cast. One person, one vote. If the organization is not represented, the vote is lost.

While I am aware of the fact that it is often inconvenient to travel to and attend meetings, (and am appreciative of the time and effort taken to do so), in-person voting is the only method that is acceptable. I would also like to thank those organizations, which when informed of the inability to proxy-vote, made certain to send a representative to participate in the election. If you have any questions on the election or on any other issue regarding the Hudson River PCB Reassessment, give me a call at 212/264-7214. Thanks again for your continued interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Steering Committee
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