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To All Interested Parties:

EPA is pleased to release the Database Report, which is the first of the Phase 2 Reports for the Reassessment Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Hudson River PCBs site. The Phase 2 Report will consist of six (6) volumes overall. They are: the Database Report, the Preliminary Model Calibration Report, the Data Evaluation and Interpretation Report, the Baseline Modeling Report, the Ecological Risk Assessment and the Human Health Risk Assessment. For more information on what is contained in these reports and a schedule for their release, please see the fact sheet dated July 1995.

The Database Report is a guide to understanding the database that EPA has compiled for the Reassessment. This database contains the site-specific data that EPA has analyzed as part of the Reassessment. The database contains approximately 750,000 records, which would translate to approximately 15,000 pages of data. The database will be available only on CD-ROM, as described below; it is not reproduced within this report or elsewhere due to the overwhelming quantity of data. Interpretations and conclusions from the data will be presented in subsequent volumes of the Phase 2 Report.

EPA's Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment RI/FS database will be made available to interested parties, upon request, during early-December. The database will be distributed only on CD-ROM. Interested parties will need to possess a knowledge of databases and spreadsheets to utilize the information on the CD-ROM. In order to request a copy of the database, please send your name and address to:

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Attn: Hudson River Database

EPA intends to hold a joint liaison group meeting to explain the type of information that is contained within the database and to demonstrate how a database inquiry is conducted.


As with all of the Phase 2 Reports, EPA welcomes comments from the public on the Database Report. Comments on the Database Report will be accepted for thirty (30) days following the release of the database on CD-ROM. A notice will be sent to announce the availability of the database. Interested parties will be able to access the database at several of the information repositories that have CD-ROM capability and through several nearby colleges. Additional information on public access to computers with CD-ROM will be sent with the announcement of availability. Please send all comments to the same person as the database requests, to the attention of **Database Report Comments**.

We ask that you include the volume name (Database Report) and label each of your comments with the page number, the section number, and paragraph, so as to assist EPA in responding to comments. The July 1994 edition of **River Voices** included an insert which may assist interested parties on how to get the best response from written comments.

If you have any questions, would like to request a copy of the **River Voices** insert, or wish to participate in the community interaction program established for this site, please contact Ms. Ann Rychlenski, of the External Programs Division, at (212) 637-3672.

Sincerely yours,



 William McCabe, Deputy Director
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