

November 21, 1995

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Dear Mr. McDowell:

This letter will serve to inform you that there has been a delay in the release of the Phase 2 Database Report (the first of 6 volumes in the Phase 2 Report for the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment). This delay has come about due to the uncertain status under which the EPA operated last week, because of the debate in Congress over the federal budget.

Now that we are back under a continuing resolution until December 15th, we will try to get the Database Report out to you as quickly as possible. I have sent a letter to each of the Liaison Group Chairs and Co-Chairs informing them of this situation - and you should all receive the reports around the same time. I have also encouraged the Liaison Group officers to get their groups together to discuss the report soon after its receipt, and have let them know that EPA is planning a meeting on this subject in December (this activity too, is contingent upon whether or not we have a budget at that time - but I will continue to keep you all posted).

In addition, during the autumn months I had occasion to meet with Peter Repas of Senator Stafford's office regarding the upcoming release of the Phase 2 Report. Mr. Repas (and Senator Stafford) felt it important that the NYS Farm Bureau be briefed on the Reassessment so that everyone is up to speed when the various volumes that comprise this report start to come down the pike. We here at EPA concur with that opinion, and therefore I would like to request some assistance from you. Could you please let me know when the NYS Farm Bureau meets in Glenmont, and whether it would be possible for Doug and me to brief just the members from the counties of the Hudson River Valley? Please get back to me as soon as possible if you can help with this information. You may contact me at 212/637-3672. In the interim, have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, and I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ann Rychlenski, Community Relations Coordinator  
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