



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear Liaison Group Member:

As you know, peer review is being conducted on the science which comprises much of the Phase 2 work of the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment. Peer review is conducted to make certain that the science upon which EPA makes its decisions is correct and credible. It addresses only the science on which decisions are based, not the decisions themselves. Under EPA's national policy, projects such as the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment, which employ scientific methods considered new, ground breaking or "cutting edge," are subject to peer review. Technologies such as PCB "fingerprinting", used in the Reassessment in order to ascertain the origin, fate and transport of PCBs in the Hudson, is one type of technology which fits this category.

At this time, EPA is preparing for the peer review of Phase 2 Data Evaluation and Interpretation Report (DEIR), along with the Phase 2 Low Resolution Sediment Coring Report (LRC) for the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment. EPA will accept questions from the public to be posed to the peer review panel which are particular to these reports. If you have questions for the panel, please try to be as specific as possible in your query. You may send your questions to Damien Hughes, U.S. EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 20th floor, New York, New York 10007. All questions must be postmarked by close of business December 21, 1998.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or require more information, please feel free to contact me at 212/637-3672. Thank you for your continued participation in the Community Interaction Program for the Hudson River PCBs Reassessment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ann Rychlenski", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Ann Rychlenski, Community Relations Coordinator
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