



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear STC Member:

In October 1996, EPA issued the Preliminary Model Calibration Report (PMCR) but decided to defer holding a meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) until the Data Evaluation and Interpretation Report (DEIR) was also issued. That decision was based on the dependence of the modeling report on several of the findings of the DEIR, which was still under development at that time. Now that the Data Evaluation and Interpretation Report has been issued, it is time to convene a meeting of the STC.

EPA has scheduled a two-day meeting of the STC for Tuesday, March 25, 1997 and Wednesday, March 26, 1997. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express at 946 New Loudon Road in Latham, New York. The phone number for the Holiday Inn is (518) 783-6161. The meeting on the 25th will discuss the DEIR, and will start at 9:00 a.m. The meeting on the 26th will discuss the PMCR, and will start at 8:30 a.m. Presentations will be made on each of the reports by EPA's consultants conducting the Reassessment. Both meetings are expected to last until approximately 4:00 p.m.

Since there is no restaurant at the Holiday Inn Express and breaking for lunch off-site often causes delays, EPA is making arrangements to have lunch catered. The cost for lunch on Tuesday will be \$8.75 and on Wednesday, \$12.50.

In June 1996, the contract management for the Reassessment was assumed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At this point in time, a procedure to reimburse STC members for travel has not been resolved under the Corps contract. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that you will receive reimbursement for attendance at the STC meeting. We hope to resolve these issues in the near future, so we urge you to follow the previously established protocols for reimbursement, such that upon resolution, travel reimbursements can be made. If you have questions about reimbursement, please contact Al DiBernardo of TAMS Consultants at (201) 338-6680.

If you have any questions or suggestions for specific agenda items, please feel free to contact me at (212) 637-3956.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Douglas J. Tomchuk", is written over the typed name.

Douglas J. Tomchuk, Project Manager  
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cc: Tom Simmons, USACE  
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