



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear STC Member:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment on Thursday, September 16, 1999. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn, 3 Watervliet Avenue, Albany, New York. The topics for the meeting are the Human Health Risk Assessment for the Upper Hudson River and the Ecological Risk Assessment. These two reports were released by EPA on August 4, 1999. An agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

The Human Health Risk Assessment for the Upper Hudson River quantitatively evaluates the current and future risks to children, adolescents, and adults posed by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the Upper Hudson River (Hudson Falls, New York to Federal Dam at Troy, New York). The Ecological Risk Assessment quantitatively evaluates the current and future risks to the environment in the Upper Hudson River (Hudson Falls, New York to Federal Dam at Troy, New York) and the current risks to the environment in the Lower Hudson River (Federal Dam to the Battery in New York City) posed by PCBs in the Upper Hudson River. Both reports are baseline risk assessments, in that they present the risks posed by the PCBs in the absence of remediation or institutional controls, such as the fish consumption advisories currently in place.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (212) 637-3959. If you need assistance with administrative matters, please contact Al DiBernardo of TAMS Consultants at 973-338-6680.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Alison A. Hess".

Alison A. Hess, C.P.G.  
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Enclosure: Agenda

cc: Tom Simmons, USACE  
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**HUDSON RIVER PCBs SITE  
REASSESSMENT RI/FS  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1999  
ALBANY, NEW YORK**

**AGENDA**

8:30 Welcome and Introduction Alison A. Hess, USEPA

**Human Health Risk Assessment**

8:45 Human Health Risk Assessment: Marian Olsen, USEPA  
Upper Hudson River David Merrill, Gradient Corporation

9:45 Discussion on Human Health Risk  
Assessment

10:15- Break  
10:30

11:45 Observer Comments on Human Health  
Risk Assessment

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

**Ecological Risk Assessment**

1:15 Ecological Risk Assessment Gina Ferreira, USEPA  
Trina von Stackelberg, Menzie-Cura & Assoc.

2:15 Discussion on Ecological Risk  
Assessment

3:00- Break  
3:15

4:15 Observer Comments on Ecological  
Risk Assessment

4:30 Adjourn