

HUDSON RIVER PCBs SITE
REASSESSMENT RI/FS

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PURPOSE OF THE SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) is to assist the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by providing technical input to the Reassessment RI/FS process, in evaluating scientific data collected on the project, and providing technical dialogue on a variety of pertinent project topics. The committee members and chairpeople have roles which are described below. As a committee the STC will:

- meet periodically as the project warrants.
- determine issues or topics of a technical nature which should be raised at the Hudson River PCB Oversight Committee (HROC) meetings.

EPA will conduct the meetings in accordance with the prescribed agenda. Participation in the discussions during committee meetings will be limited to committee members, special presenters, EPA and its representatives.

Role of the STC Members

The committee consists of researchers and scientists that are familiar with the site, PCBs, modeling, toxicology and other relevant disciplines. The committee members will be asked to:

- review and provide comments on plans and documents presented by EPA.
- identify additional sources of information in their field of expertise relevant to the Reassessment RI/FS.
- provide members and EPA with knowledge of on-going research which may be pertinent to the project.
- offer and encourage technical discourse with the other researchers and scientists on the committee.

Committee members may also be requested to make presentations on their area of expertise to EPA, the HROC, or groups that have been organized as part of the Community Interaction Program.

EPA will reimburse committee members for reasonable travel expenses for attendance at committee meetings in accordance with federal guidelines.

Role of the Chair and Co-Chair

The chair of the STC, or the co-chair acting in lieu of the chair, shall assume the following roles:

- represent the STC on the Hudson River PCB Oversight Committee (HROC), and report to the STC on the activities of the HROC.
- assemble and coordinate all written comments on project plans and documents submitted by committee members.
- assist EPA in establishing meeting agendas.
- review meeting minutes prior to submission to committee members.

EPA will provide assistance to the chair or co-chair as is necessary for them to carry out their functions.