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To All Interested Parties:

At the Steering Committee meeting held on October 19, 1998, it was brought to EPA's attention that certain language in the Feasibility Study Scope of Work (FS SOW) could be misconstrued. As such, the Agency believes that it is appropriate to clarify the intended meaning of the language in question.

On page 17 of the FS SOW, the last two general response actions (Nos. 5 and 6) use the term "on-site" when describing possible locations for post-removal dewatering, treatment or ultimate disposal alternatives. At the bottom of page 17, the FS SOW defines the use of the term "on-site" for purposes of the FS SOW:

For general response actions 5 and 6 identified above, "on-site" refers to a corridor including the Upper River and extending two miles from either bank.

The use of the term "on-site" in the FS SOW was not intended to be a legal definition of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site. The term "on-site" in the FS SOW was intended only as a shorthand way of describing land in close proximity to the river that could potentially be used for a treatment or disposal facility. We used the term simply as a synonym for "near-river."

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Please attach this clarification to your copy of the FS SOW.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Ann Rychlenski, at 212-637-3956.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas J. Tomchuk".

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