

Executive Summary

The Community Involvement Plan (CIP) is the foundation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund community involvement and outreach program for the Hudson River PCBs site cleanup. The CIP specifies the outreach activities EPA uses to address community concerns and expectations. It assists the Community Involvement Coordinators, who serve as liaisons between community members and Hudson River site team members and other agency officials, in finding effective and appropriate ways to inform and engage the public. The CIP is for the public to use to make sure EPA is responsive to their needs and concerns. EPA is committed to promoting active and meaningful public participation in all aspects of the Hudson River PCBs site cleanup and floodplains investigation.

This CIP is the latest update in a series of plans designed to involve the public at the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site. The first CIP for the site was issued in July 1984. Updates followed in May 1989 (update to the 1984 document), December 1989 (Final CIP for In-Place Containment), August 1992 (Final CIP for Reassessment), and August 2003. This document is an update to the 2003 CIP and is intended to guide activities through completion of dredging.

The CIP is divided into seven sections:

Section 1 discusses the purpose of the CIP and the framework under which it will function.

Section 2 presents the history and nature of the contamination and aspects of the selected remedy and discusses the history of community involvement at the site.

Section 3 identifies geographic and demographic characteristics of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site and discusses general and specific community concerns.

Section 4 is the action plan. It lays out the principles for community involvement and identifies tools that will continue to be used by EPA to promote greater public participation and awareness. These tools are then combined with the concerns and issues identified in Section 3. These include general and specific community concerns as well as community involvement commitments identified in the February 2002 Record of Decision.

Section 5 contains the List of Acronyms and Abbreviations.

Section 6 contains the Glossary.

Section 7 contains the References.

The **Appendices** are designed to serve as a resource guide for both EPA and the community. Specific sections include EPA and project team contacts, local government contacts, media contacts, and directions on how to obtain additional Superfund and EPA information.