The formal comment period on the draft proposed Community Involvement Plan begins April 28, 2003 and ends May 28, 2003. Comments can be made via using comment cards that will be made available at the upcoming public forums, via email to hrfo@capital.net, and through regular postal mail to Leo Rosales at the Hudson River Field Office (see below).

### Public Forums

EPA will host two public forums to discuss the draft proposed CIP. The forums will be held:

- **Ft. Edward, NY**
  - Wednesday, May 7, 2003
  - Ft. Edward Fire House
  - 16 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828
  - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm / 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Poughkeepsie, NY**
  - Thursday May 8, 2003
  - Poughkeepsie Best Western Inn & Conference Center
  - 2170 South Road, Rte 9
  - Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
  - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm / 6:00 – 8:00 pm
  - Presentations at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

### How can I comment on the draft CIP?

Visit, call, or write to the Hudson River Field Office at the address below or log on to [www.epa.gov/hudson](http://www.epa.gov/hudson)

### EPA Contacts

- **Leo Rosales**, Community Involvement Coordinator
  - Hudson River Field Office
  - 421 Lower Main Street
  - Hudson Falls, NY 12839
  - (518) 747-4389 or (866) 615-6490 Toll-Free
  - hrfo@capital.net
  - The Field Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, with evening hours by appointment.

- **David Kuesner**, Community Involvement Coordinator
  - EPA Region 2 Office
  - New York City
  - (212) 637-3853

### For More Information

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Community Involvement Tools and Actions

The proposed CIP identifies 35 tools and activities that will be used to address community concerns. Together they serve as a toolkit for EPA’s public participation program at the site and provide the public with myriad opportunities for involvement in the project. The following graphic identifies the specific tools that constitute the proposed CIP:

How EPA receives information from the public

- “Ask EPA” Program
- Email
- Hudson River Field Office (HRFO)
- Mailing List Expansion
- Public Availability Sessions
- Public Comment Period
- Public Input
- Public Forums
- Public Meetings
- Stakeholder Group Meetings
- Surveys

How EPA shares information with the public

- EPA’s Web Site
- Fact Sheets
- Hudson River Field Office (HRFO)
- Infield Notification
- Information Repositories
- Listserv
- Maps / Visual Aids, Displays, and Events Outreach Materials
- Media Distribution / Media Events
- Progress Reports / Newsletters
- Public Availability Sessions
- Public Forums
- Public Meetings
- Project Site Visits / Tours
- Public Television / Public Access Television Shows
- School / Education Outreach Activities
- Toll-free Hotline
- Video Productions
- Workshops / Seminars

How EPA promotes education and awareness about the project

- Community Events
- Community Poster
- Environmental Justice Activities
- Hudson River Field Office (HRFO)
- Public Availability Sessions
- Public Forums
- Public Meetings
- Project Site Visits / Tours
- Public Television / Public Access Television Shows
- School / Education Outreach Activities
- Toll-free Hotline
- Video Productions
- Workshops / Seminars

How EPA encourages public participation in the project

- Coordination with Local Government and Agencies
- Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)
- Technical Outreach Services for Communities (TOSC)
- Community Advisory Group

Community Advisory Group

Among the most notable community involvement tools in the proposed CIP is the formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) designed to provide a forum through which members of communities and stakeholder groups along the entire Hudson River site can present and discuss their needs and concerns about the design of the cleanup plan and its implementation. The proposed CAG offers EPA an enhanced opportunity to hear and consider community input on the project.

Where can I find the draft CIP?

The draft CIP is available electronically and in print. Electronic versions can be found on the EPA project Web site at www.epa.gov/hudson and on CD-ROM, which can be obtained by calling the Hudson River Field Office. Print versions of the draft CIP are also available for review at the information repositories located in Glens Falls, Ft. Edward (Hudson River Field Office), Saratoga Springs, Albany, Poughkeepsie, and New York City (See following page).

The proposed CIP provides detailed descriptions of these tools and identifies how they will be used to address community concerns and promote public involvement in the project. The proposed CIP also contains a glossary, references, and a series of appendices designed to serve as resources for both EPA and the community. Specific sections include the EPA and project team contacts, local government contacts, and media contacts, and directions on how to obtain additional Superfund and EPA information.