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Proposed Community Involvement Plan Fact Sheet

April 2003



LOCATIONS OF INFORMATION REPOSITORIES			
Holdings/Location	Contact	Telephone	Hours
Full Administrative Record*			
Crandall Public Library 251 Glen St Glens Falls, NY 12801	Reference Desk Andrea Herman	(518) 792-3360	Mon.-Thur.: 9am-9pm Fri.: 9am - 6pm Sat.: 9am - 5pm Sun.: 1pm - 5pm
Adriance Memorial Library 93 Market St Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	Reference Desk Pat Lackey	(845) 485-3445	Mon.-Thur.: 9am-9pm Fri.-Sat.: 9am-5pm Sun.: 1pm-5pm
Superfund Records Center USEPA Region 2 290 Broadway, 18 th Fl New York, NY 10007	Robert Keating	(212) 637-4308	Mon.-Fri.: 9am-5pm Sat.-Sun.: Closed
Major Documents (Print and CD-ROM)			
Saratoga County EMC 50 West High St Ballston Spa, NY 12020	John Hamilton	(518) 885-6900	Mon.-Fri.: 7:30am-5pm Sat.-Sun.: Closed
USEPA Hudson River Field Office 421 Lower Main St Hudson Falls, NY 12839	Ms. Danielle Adams	(518) 747-4389	Mon.-Fri.: 8am - 4:30pm Sat.-Sun.: Closed
Major Documents (Print only)			
NY State Library CEC Empire State Plaza Albany NY 12230	Federal Documents Cynthia Conway	(518) 474-3854	Mon.-Fri.: 9am-5pm Sat.-Sun.: Closed

This fact sheet announces the release of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site proposed Community Involvement Plan (proposed CIP) for public review and comment. It summarizes key elements of the proposed plan community involvement program for the site and provides information on how to obtain a copy of and comment on the proposed CIP.

How can I comment on the draft CIP?

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
Presentations at 3:00 pm and 7:00 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

For More Information

Visit, call, or write to the Hudson River Field Office at the address below or log on to www.epa.gov/hudson

EPA Contacts

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hrfo@capital.net

*The Field Office hours are Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm, with evening hours by appointment.*

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New York City
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EPA Superfund Ombudsman

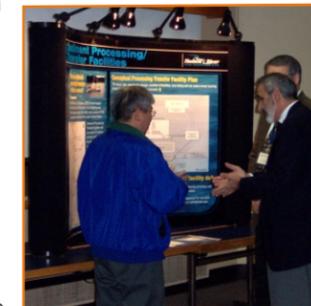
EPA Region 2 has designated an ombudsman as a point-of-contact for community concerns and questions about the federal Superfund program in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To support this effort, the Agency has established a 24-hour, toll-free number that the public can call to request information, express concerns, or register complaints about Superfund. The ombudsman for EPA's Region 2 office is: George H. Zachos, U.S. EPA, Region 2, 2890 Woodbridge Avenue MS-211, Edison, New Jersey 08837, (732) 321-6621, Toll-free (888) 283-7626.

What is the Proposed Community Involvement Plan?

The proposed Community Involvement Plan is the foundation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) community involvement program for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site. It describes the proposed outreach activities that EPA will use to address community concerns and expectations about the site cleanup. It will assist the Agency in finding effective and appropriate ways to inform and engage the public.

A Commitment to Public Involvement

In February 2002, EPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) that calls for environmental dredging of PCB-contaminated sediments in the Upper Hudson River. EPA's selected remedy culminated a twelve-year reassessment of a 1984 decision to take no action at the site. The Agency reviewed and considered more than 70,000 public comments on its December 2000 Proposed Plan for the cleanup. As part of the February 2002 decision, EPA committed itself to conducting rigorous and meaningful public participation.



Since the February 2002 ROD was signed, EPA has been proactive in conducting community outreach. EPA has already established a field office in Ft. Edward, activated the EPA-Hudson listserv (a free, subscription-based electronic news distribution system), distributed numerous project progress reports; hosted multiple public availability sessions, and attended many stakeholder meetings.

Highlights of the Draft Community Involvement Plan

There are many aspects of the design and implementation of the dredging project that are of interest to the public, especially those activities and decisions that have potential impacts on local communities.



During project design, EPA will focus its outreach efforts on providing information and soliciting public input on decisions and activities that have the greatest potential impact on the community and on the big-picture issues that are most important to the public.

EPA is committed to involving the public in the cleanup of the Hudson River in a substantial and significant manner and has established the following goals for the overall community involvement program. EPA will:

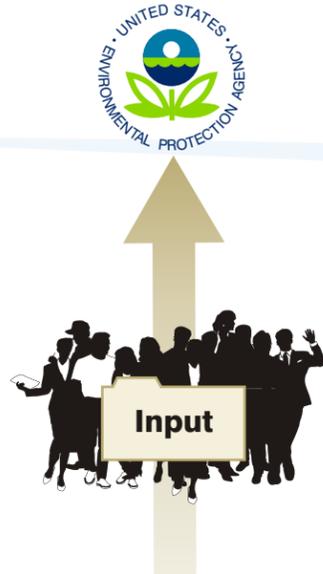
- Provide the public with accurate, timely, and understandable information and/or access to the information needed to understand the project as it moves forward;
- Provide the public with the opportunity to give informed and meaningful input;
- Ensure adequate time and opportunity for the public to provide input and for that input to be considered;
- Respect and give full consideration to community input; and
- Assist the public in understanding the project decision-making process during project design and cleanup and the community's role in that process.

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 Road Map
- Public Notices
- Public Service Announcements
- Reports / Document Summaries / Work Plans

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

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.

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).