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William T. Ports, P.E.
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Remediation
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Re: Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Ports:

Thank you for your July 14, 2003 comments on the *Draft Engineering Performance Standards - Public Review Copy, Hudson River PCBs Site*, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released for public comment from May 14 through July 14, 2003. EPA's responses to your comments are set forth in the attachment to this letter.

As you know, the Draft Engineering Performance Standards will undergo peer review by a panel of independent experts, as required by EPA's February 2002 Record of Decision for the Site. Copies of all comments received on the draft Engineering Performance Standards, together with EPA's responses, will be provided to the peer reviewers for their consideration during their review of the *Engineering Performance Standards - Peer Review Copy*. Copies also will be placed in the information repositories established for the Hudson River PCBs Site, and will be available on EPA's Hudson River Web site (www.epa.gov/hudson).

EPA appreciates NYSDEC's long-standing active participation with respect to this Superfund site, and we will continue to consult closely with NYSDEC as the engineering performance standards are finalized. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (212) 637-3952 or Alison Hess at (212) 637-3959.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Garbarini".

Doug Garbarini
Team Leader
Hudson River Team