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October 10, 2003

Rev. Scott M. Smith, P.E.  
First Baptist Church  
118 Main Street  
Hudson Falls, New York 12839

Re: Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site

Dear Rev. Smith:

Thank you for your June 9, 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 public 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](http://www.epa.gov/hudson)).

EPA appreciates the First Baptist Church's participation with respect to this Superfund site. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the Hudson River PCBs Site in general, please contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, Mr. Leo Rosales, at 518-747-4389.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Garbarini", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doug Garbarini  
Team Leader  
Hudson River Team