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To All Interested Parties:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is pleased to release the *Facility Siting Report* and the *Facility Site Selection Summary* for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site.

Relative to the facility siting process, sites for the dewatering and/or transfer facilities have been selected. The Energy Park/Longe/NYSCC site in Fort Edward and the O.G. Real Estate site in Bethlehem have been selected as the dewatering and/or transfer sites for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Project. The specific operations to be performed at each of the sites will be determined after the disposal site(s), transportation method, and routes have been selected.

The Bruno/Brickyard Associates/Alonzo site in Schaghticoke, the Old Moreau Dredge Spoils Area/NYSCC site in the Town of Moreau and the NYSCC/Allco/Leyerle site in the Town of Halfmoon will no longer be considered for use as a dewatering/ transfer facility for the project. The *Facility Site Selection Summary* and the *Facility Siting Report* provide additional details of the selection decision.

EPA plans to host public forums in the two selected site communities in early 2005. We will work with the selected site communities to schedule these meetings and will announce the date, time and locations as soon as the information is available.

The *Facility Siting Report* and the *Facility Site Selection Summary* are available online at EPA's web site for the Hudson River PCBs Site (www.epa.gov/udson), at the site information repositories, or by calling the Hudson River Field Office at 518-747-4389 or toll-free at 866-615-6490.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Pavlou".

George Pavlou
Acting Deputy Regional Administrator

December 2004 – Facility Siting Report, Hudson River PCBs Site Summary of Changes to the April 2004 Draft Facility Siting Report

The Facility Siting Report has been updated to reflect substantive comments received during the public review period and reflects the changes made to the Draft Facility Siting Report – Public Review Copy. Changes to the document are summarized as follows:

- The Executive Summary was updated to acknowledge that a significant number of comments were received during the comment period, that the facility siting process has been completed by identifying the Energy Park/Longe/NYSCC and the OG Real Estate as the Selected Sites, and to clarify that the discussion of the limitations of a portion of the Batten Kill railroad is associated with this project only and does not relate to the railroad's ability to serve its customers.
- Section 1, "Introduction," was updated to reflect the status of community involvement activities from April 2004 to December 2004.
- In Section 2, "Overview and Application of Facility Siting Criteria in the PCS Identification Process," the term "abandoned rail" was replaced with "non-maintained rail" or "not maintained rail" because of the legal implications of the term "abandoned rail."

In addition, several of the New York State Office of Real Property Services property classification code descriptions have been included to adhere to the exact wording of the property classification codes.

One park and playground were added to Tables 2.2.3.6-2 and 2.2.3.7-2 (Bruno and Brickyard Associates, respectively) because the Decresente athletic fields had not been previously counted because of an inaccurate property classification code.

Section 2 has also been revised to clarify that the Bruno and Brickyard Associates Preliminary Candidate Sites, by themselves, do not have waterfront access. (A footnote has been added to Figure 2.2.3.6 concerning a property line dispute between the owners of the Alonzo and Bruno properties.)

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Summary of Changes to the April 2004 Draft Facility Siting Report**

- The current status of the cultural resource investigations on the Final Candidate Sites has been updated in Section 3, “Evaluation of the FCSs.”

The term “abandoned rail” has been replaced with “non-maintained rail” or “not maintained rail” in text and figures because of the legal implications of the term “abandoned rail.”

In order to use the Georgia Pacific site, upgrades to the Batten Kill railroad would have to be made. Additional information on this item submitted by the Remedial Design Team has been added to the report. This information indicates that the existing track and other components need significant rehabilitation (along a 20-mile section of railroad) before the number of 100-ton rail cars required by the project could be moved on a daily basis with the reliability necessary to meet the project production schedule. It was also noted that this project has its own unique set of rail requirements, which were used to assess rail suitability. Statements made in this report concerning potential limitations and additional design considerations are associated with this project only and do not relate to the Batten Kill railroad’s ability to serve its customers. Based on letters received during the public comment period on this report, EPA understands that the railroad provides reliable service to its customers.

- In Section 4, “Identification of Suitable Sites,” several of the New York State Office of Real Property Services property classification code descriptions were revised to reflect the exact wording of the property classification codes.
- Section 6 of the draft document, “Next Steps in the Facility Siting Process,” was replaced with “Selected Sites,” which summarizes EPA’s continuation of site evaluations after the *Draft Facility Siting Report – Public Review Copy* was released and describes the conclusion of the facility siting process: the selection of the Energy Park/Longe/NYSCC site in Fort Edward and the OG Real Estate site in Bethlehem as the dewatering and/or transfer sites for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Project.

**Hudson River PCBs Superfund
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