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Re: EPA Ongoing PCB Floodplain Investigation and Sampling

Dear Hudson River Resident,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the on-going investigation of PCBs in the Upper Hudson River floodplain.

In October 2014, the EPA announced that General Electric agreed to conduct a comprehensive study of the contamination in the shoreline areas of the Upper Hudson River that may be subject to flooding, called the floodplain. The primary objective of this study, called a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS), is to determine where PCBs are present and at what concentrations; identify potential risks from the PCBs; and, as appropriate, evaluate options for cleaning up the site. GE is conducting the floodplain investigation work with EPA oversight.

To date, over 7,500 soil samples have been collected in the Hudson River floodplain and results from those sampling events indicate that PCBs are present in some areas that are flooded by the river. This summer, additional soil sampling and other field activities, such as making observations of site characteristics, are planned at over 400 properties located between Hudson Falls and the Troy Dam to further evaluate the extent of the PCBs in the floodplain. Owners of these properties will be contacted by GE to discuss the sampling program and to request property access. Floodplain sampling will continue for the next couple of years as part of the comprehensive study. Enclosed with this letter is a fact sheet which discusses the RI/FS and associated upcoming sampling work.

Additional information about the long-term investigation of the floodplain and the Superfund cleanup process is available online on EPA's project webpage: <http://www.epa.gov/hudson>.

We appreciate your cooperation and participation as we complete this important work. If you have any questions please contact me at 518-407-0400 or romanowski.larisa@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larisa Romanowski".

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