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Mr. Gary Klawinski, Director
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Subject: Second Five-Year Review for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Klawinski:

Thank you for your commitment to conducting an open and transparent public process for the second Five-Year Review for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site. We appreciate your invitation to the Trustees to take an active role in that important process. With the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we share the goal of successful recovery of the Hudson River—a nationally significant ecological, cultural, and economic resource—from PCB contamination.

The Trustees look forward to providing EPA with assistance and scientific technical expertise in EPA's assessment of the remedy and its protectiveness, including the following:

- Providing input regarding the analysis of data, including that collected under the Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring program;
- Coordinating in the preparation of the draft second Five-Year Review report, including scoping and data collection; and, providing timely comments on that report; and,
- Reviewing and commenting on GE's Remedial Action Report requesting EPA's Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action.

We welcome the opportunity to articulate further how the Trustees may assist in these efforts by describing the roles, responsibilities and timeline in a Letter of Agreement, per EPA's June 2001 "Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance." Again, we appreciate EPA's commitment to ensuring all parties remain informed throughout the second Five-Year Review process, and that the goal of an open and transparent process is achieved.

Sincerely,

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