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Re: Hudson River Dredging Project – Modeling Peer Review

Dear Mr. Garbarini:

Following up on our discussion on August 27 about conducting a peer review of the Upper Hudson model, we appear to share the common goal of having a jointly developed PCB fate and transport model for the Upper Hudson River, which after peer review, would be available for our use by the summer of 2011. This model would be used to evaluate the data generated during the 2011 dredging season and to generate the Phase 2 Performance Standards. This approach is consistent with the recommendation contained in the August 13 draft peer review report. I offer the following schedule for your consideration:

EPA-GE Collaborative Review and Refinement: August 2010 – December 2010

Organize Peer Review and Select Panel: October 2010 – November 2010

Peer Panel Model Review: January 2011 – March 2011

Revisions in Response to Peer Review: April 2011 – May 2011

Obviously each of these steps in this approach will require further discussion but I hope this is a good starting point for us to begin. Please contact us as quickly as possible so we can set up a time to review this in more detail.

Sincerely,

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