



May 20, 2008

Ms. Susan Svirsky
Rest of River Project Manager
United States Environmental Protection Agency
c/o Weston Solutions
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Pittsfield, MA 01201

RE: EPA-GE HOUSATONIC RIVER SITE, CORRECTIVE MEASURES STUDY
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dear Ms. Svirsky,

Please accept this letter as our strongest form of opposition to any cleanup plan for the Housatonic River "Rest of River" which includes a hazardous waste landfill anywhere within Berkshire County. Any cleanup or remediation plan that allows for contaminated soil to remain in our communities is unacceptable and should not be considered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

We also request that the EPA consider any and all remediation measures that take full advantage of new science and technology and include meaningful community input throughout the cleanup process. Any remediation plan that the EPA develops should truly address the entire "rest of the river" from the sources of its ongoing PCB contamination in Berkshire County to its outlet in the Long Island Sound.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide input to the EPA regarding this important river remediation and restoration and thank you in advance for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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Berkshire, Hampshire, and Franklin District

Christopher N. Speranzo
State Representative
3rd Berkshire District

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State Representative
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