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Ms. Susan Svirsky
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Dear Ms. Svirsky,

Thank you for attending the second forum recently sponsored by the Lenox Board of Selectmen and Board of Health. It was helpful to hear more about the proposed clean-up that GE has put forth and the process EPA will be going through to evaluate the CMS.

At our most recent meeting held last night, the Lenox Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to request that the EPA reject the Corrective Measures Study submitted by General Electric in March, 2008. We are extremely concerned that the proposed measures put forth will have a major negative impact on our community with too little gain in terms of truly cleaning up the PCB's in the Housatonic River and floodplain.

We find it unacceptable that there could be a new, permanent hazardous waste landfill constructed in our community. We wish to state in very clear terms that such a facility will be vigorously opposed. It makes no sense to us to purposely construct a new hazardous waste site when there are plenty of existing sites elsewhere.

The detrimental impacts on Lenox residential neighborhoods that result from the current clean-up scenarios are also not acceptable. The access to the river and floodplain in Lenox is either from New Lenox Road or through the village of Lenox Dale. Property values, which comprise a major part of a citizen's assets, will plummet and the ability to sell property in these areas will disappear with the prospect of years of living within a major "construction zone". The fact that these concerns are not considered as part of the decision process that EPA and GE go through in determining the clean up strategy is particularly bothersome.

We also want to voice our concerns about the potential impacts on our local infrastructure. The amount of truck traffic alone contemplated in the GE proposal would

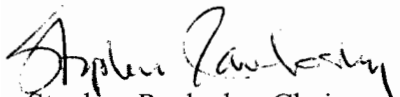
wreak havoc on our local roads. We need guarantees that any damage caused to our infrastructure by the clean-up efforts will be repaired by the contractors.

The proposed corrective measures are all based on older techniques – dredging or covering – and fail to take advantage of innovative techniques that have been or will be developed. It will take many years to clean up the river. A mechanism must be put into place to allow for experimentation and alternative corrective measures to be utilized if and when they become available. We believe there should be a strong bias toward corrective measures which can be done without major excavation, hauling out contaminated materials and hauling in replacement materials.

The ability of local communities to have a meaningful voice in the decision making that takes place now and in the future must be preserved. We welcome this opportunity to comment on the initial proposal submitted by General Electric. We advocate for on-going opportunities as the process continues.

We look forward to future updates that you can provide us and our ability to provide critical guidance.

On behalf of Lenox Board of Selectmen,


Stephen Pavlosky, Chairman


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