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Ms. Susan Svirsky
EPA Rest of River Project Manager
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May 13, 2008

Dear Ms Svirsky:

The Pittsfield Board of Health has been involved with the health and safety issues related to the OPCAs in the Allendale School area. We were not involved with the consent decree. However, we have been proactive by advocating for the continual monitoring of the sites to ensure that the area does not become a threat to the health and safety of the school or the neighborhood. We have worked closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to ensure that the inside of the school did not have any levels that would be harmful to the health and safety of the students and staff.

We are familiar with the plans set forth by General Electric for dredging the "rest of the Housatonic River." We would like to make it clear that Pittsfield can not have another location for a waste site. We also do not want the current waste sites at Hill 78 to be a repository for any of the PCB's other than what was part of the consent decree. The Pittsfield Board of Health opposes another waste site that will need to be monitored in perpetuity.

We also strongly encourage the EPA and GE to look at alternative technologies other then dredging the river.

At our May 7, 2008 Board of Health meeting, the board voted unanimously to send this letter. My signature affirms that this vote was taken and represents the opinion of all of the board members listed on the letterhead.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Adamo, M.D., MPH
Chairman

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