



**Campaign  
for a  
Cleaner Hudson**

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## **TOP PRIORITY** **Speak Up for a Safe, Usable Hudson River**

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### **NEW YORK STATE NEEDS TO TAKE THE LEAD!**

Tell Gov. Cuomo that we’re so close to having a cleaner Hudson River, but action is needed to remove more toxic PCBs and get the job done right, once and for all! New York State has a legacy of environmental protection and it should be better on the river. Let Gov. Cuomo know that you seek his leadership to get the EPA to give New York State “lead agency” status (responsibility for additional PCB cleanup)—only then will we realize the vision of a restored Hudson River.

### **YOUR ACTION IS CRITICAL!**

**Contact Governor Cuomo:** Communication with your personal contacts in the Cuomo administration or his agencies is ideal. If you do not have a personal contact, please write to the governor directly at:

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS Capital Building  
Albany, NY 12224

**Contact your member of Congress:** Ask them to contact EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and express that more contaminants need to be removed from the river. Administrator Pruitt should declare that the cleanup is “not protective” of human health and the environment, and that additional dredging is necessary. Also request that your representative contact Gov. Cuomo’s office to indicate support for New York State being “lead agency” on the cleanup.

**Write a letter to the editor of your local paper:** Explain that we’re so close to having a clean Hudson, and that New York deserves better—for our families, future, environment, and economy.

### **Want to do more?**

#### **WATCH**

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#### **SHARE**

Then help spread the word by sharing the video on social media using our hashtag, #ToxicLegacy

#### **HOST**

Hold a screening of “PCBs: GE’s and the EPA’s Toxic Legacy.” This is a great way to get involved in the Campaign for a Cleaner Hudson. Contact [abicking@scenichudson.org](mailto:abicking@scenichudson.org).



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1616 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elise Stefanik  
United States House of Representatives  
318 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

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