

Dear Governor Hochul,

I am writing to urge you to ensure that General Electric is held fully accountable for its PCB pollution and the damage it has caused in the Hudson River Valley for 70 years. The company's toxic PCB legacy has made the Hudson, even today, one of the largest Superfund sites in the nation.

The facts are clear: GE dumped millions of pounds of carcinogenic PCBs into the Hudson River, contaminating a 200-mile stretch from its upriver factories to New York Harbor. Federal Superfund law dictates they must clean up and compensate the public for past and ongoing injuries their deadly waste has caused.

You do not have to take my word for it — a groundbreaking new report from leading natural resources damages (NRD) experts makes the case. You can [find it HERE](#).

Communities, businesses, families, and wildlife all along the Hudson rely on the many benefits — recreational, economic, and environmental — that this major waterway provides. Too many of these resources have been devastated by GE's disregard for the health and safety of the millions of people living in riverfront communities.

An increased NRD settlement would help clean and restore the Hudson by:

- Implementing restoration projects that foster new recreation and ecotourism opportunities;
- Helping to restore the Hudson's once vibrant commercial fisheries;
- Ensuring Hudson River fish are safe to consume decades sooner;
- Eliminating threats to drinking water and additional costs to filter PCBs from supplies; and
- Healing the river's environment with substantive natural resource services

It's time to free the Hudson of its PCB legacy so new generations of New Yorkers can safely enjoy the benefits a healthy river can provide. I am calling on you to act to bring GE, EPA, and federal NRD Trustees to the table and find the path to prioritize a cleaner, safer Hudson River now.

Sincerely,

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