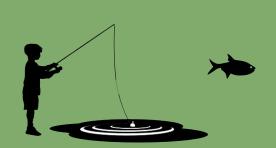
TELL EPA: PROTECT PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE, NOT GE

EPA and GE are trying to walk away from their PCB cleanup effort before the job is done. EPA is holding two public sessions on the status of the cleanup and we need your voice in the room. Let's show EPA that the public's support for a healthy Hudson River cannot be ignored!



POUGHKEEPSIE GRAND HOTEL 6-8pm Wednesday, June 28, 2017 40 Civic Center Plaza Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Terrace Ballroom

INFO: RIVERKEEPER.ORG/PCBS & SCENICHUDSON.ORG/PCBS Facebook RSVP: tiny.cc/healthyhudsonpok #HealthyHudson *Wear green to show your support for action.

TELL EPA: THE HUDSON RIVER CLEANUP IS NOT PROTECTIVE OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND MORE CLEANUP IS NEEDED!

The EPA is claiming success in its five-year review of the Hudson River Superfund cleanup, when in fact it is abandoning the cleanup and leaving two to four times more toxic PCBs in the river than it expected.

EPA's mandatory five-year review of the dredging project is intended to assure that human health and the environment are being protected by the cleanup—in this case, to confirm that enough PCBs have been removed to protect people and facilitate the healing of a severely damaged Hudson River ecosystem.

Despite the presence of far more PCBs than assumed when the cleanup was designed, EPA has determined that the cleanup "will be protective" of human health and the environment in the Upper Hudson (north of the Troy Dam). For the Hudson River south of Troy, EPA admits that the Lower River is not seeing any benefits from the dredging project.

EPA has ignored expert science by the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Hudson River Foundation that concludes the River will not recover for many decades beyond the cleanup goals set forth by EPA. This means those who live, work and/or recreate along the Hudson River will continue to be exposed to high levels of PCBs through air, water, sediment and fish for at least another century. Advisories against eating fish will remain in place for the foreseeable future, with women of childbearing age and children continuing to be advised to eat no fish at all. Local governments can't look for a return of the river's full economic potential anytime soon.

GE's toxic PCBs continue to threaten people and wildlife. EPA and GE must do more.

EPA is hosting public workshops to explain its decision and answer questions from the public. Make sure **YOUR VOICE** is heard and **tell EPA: The cleanup is not protective of human health and the environment, and more cleanup is needed!**

SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS BY EMAIL TO <u>Klawinski.gary@epa.gov</u> By September 1, 2017.