



August 24, 2015

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

HRBYCA  
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Ossining, NY 10562

Northern Region

Pirate Canoe Club  
Marlboro Yacht Club  
New Hamburg Yacht Club  
Chelsea Yacht Club  
Dutchess Beacon Boat Club  
Newburgh Yacht Club  
Cornwall Yacht Club  
Cold Spring Boat Club  
West Point Yacht Club  
Garrison Yacht Club

Middle Region

Peekskill Yacht Club  
Kings Ferry Yacht Club  
Cortlandt Yacht Club  
Seaweed Yacht Club  
Hudson Cove Yacht Club  
Haverstraw Elks Club  
Minisceongo Yacht Club  
Croton Yacht Club  
Shattemuc Yacht Club  
Westerly Yacht Club  
Ossining Community Sailing Club  
Ossining Boat & Canoe Club  
Hook Mountain Yacht Club  
Nyack Boat Club  
Philipse Manor Beach Club  
Tarrytown Boat & Yacht Club  
Washington Irving Boat Club

Southern Region

Fort Comfort Yacht Club  
Irvington Boat Club  
Tower Ridge Yacht Club  
Palisade Boat Club  
Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club  
Yonkers Yacht Club  
Hackensack Yacht Club  
Keyport Yacht Club

Associate Members

Charles Point Marina, Peekskill  
Trinity Cruises, Peekskill

Individual Members

Capt. John Lipscomb

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Three thousand boating families from the 33 local community boat clubs of the Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association (HRBYCA) ask for your help in making the Hudson River clean and safe again by holding General Electric (GE) accountable. Our members made their desires known at our July 28, 2015, HRBCYA General Membership meeting by passing a unanimous resolution to this effect.


While we recognize that GE has made a good-faith effort on the PCB removal work thus far, we are greatly troubled that GE has announced that it expects to "complete" its court-ordered cleanup of PCB's on the Upper Hudson this fall.

We believe GE's job is not finished and are very concerned that GE will remove the very expensive - and yet still greatly needed - PCB treatment facility. This facility needs to remain open until GE mitigates the damage it has caused, or our river will remain sick for generations to come.

New York State taxpayers should not be on the hook for cleaning up the remaining PCB contamination or for dredging the Champlain Canal to its required navigation depth. PCB contamination bars the NY State Canal Corporation from doing its job to keep the channel maintained, and it is disingenuous to believe GE has no duty to restore what it has damaged.

The current cleanup only targeted 65% of PCB contamination on the Upper Hudson, allowing PCBs to leach downstream for years. Where once our commercial fishery thrived, today our club members and thousands of boaters, sailors and anglers continue to recreate on one of most majestic and historic waterways in the nation.

Our member clubs span from Raritan Bay, NJ, to Poughkeepsie, NY, and we are resolute in this effort to hold to GE accountable. The citizens of New York State did not create this environmental health threat. GE needs to finish the job by keeping the PCB treatment facility open and include restoration dredging in their clean-up plan.

Sincerely,  


Scott Croft  
President  
Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association

cc: NYS Assembly Member Steven Englebright,  
Chair, NYS Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee

