

# NO DREDGING

OPPOSED to Dredging the Hudson River Since 1980

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## Questions EPA Won't Answer

1. Where does EPA intend to dispose of the 2.65 million cubic yards of sediment it proposes to dredge from the Upper Hudson River? Which community? Which landfill? Have the people of that community said they are willing to accept this material?
2. How will the sediment be transported? If by trucks, over which roads in which local communities? If by rail, through which communities? Have those communities agreed? The massive trucking and transport operation poses risks of accidents, air pollution, noise and road damage. Why has EPA failed to consider these risks?
3. When the sediment is hauled out of the river, where will it be dewatered and stored? (Moreau and Albany have both rejected EPA's proposal to use their communities.) Which communities is EPA now considering?
4. Why has EPA failed to evaluate the negative environmental impacts that the two dewatering and storage plants will have on local communities?
5. EPA's proposal shows that 17 miles of shoreline will be damaged during dredging? Where are the properties located? Have the owners been informed and consulted about this? How will the owners of these properties access the river during dredging?
6. Will EPA respect the wishes of local communities that vote not to host any of the facilities or equipment associated with dredging?
7. EPA proposes that, after dredging, it will dump 2 billion pounds of sand and gravel into the river to cover up the remaining PCBs. By which routes and through which communities will the sand and gravel be hauled? Why has EPA failed to consider the risks of this? What will all this traffic do to the condition of local roads? What will EPA's purchase of such an enormous quantity of sand and gravel do to the costs local communities have to pay to keep roads free of ice and well maintained?

**8.** Has EPA's feasibility study for dredging been reviewed by independent scientists outside the agency? Why not?

**9.** Last week, the National Academy of Sciences said that environmental damage from dredging must be evaluated. EPA's dredging project will destroy huge areas of sub aquatic vegetation and wetlands where fish lay eggs, feed and reproduce. Why has EPA failed to evaluate the ecological impacts of this project in detail?

**10.** EPA's dredging project will put 26 boats in the Upper Hudson River for nearly 19 hours a day, six days a week, 6 and 1/2 months a year, for five years. Why has EPA not evaluated the likelihood of boat accidents and injuries to dredging workers and the public? Why has EPA ignored the possibility that the sinking of one PCB-laden barge would reverse the great recovery and clean-up the Hudson has already undergone?

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