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June 24, 2005

Mr. Dale Desnoyers, Director  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway - 12th Floor  
Albany, NY 12233-7011

Re: Record of Decision  
Onondaga Lake Bottom Sediments  
Site ID# 734030  
Syracuse, Onondaga County

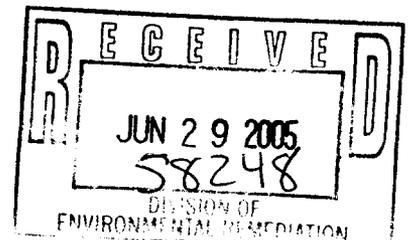
Dear Mr. Desnoyers,

My staff has reviewed the Record of Decision for the Onondaga Lake Bottom Sediments site north of Syracuse in Onondaga County. Based upon that review I understand that the selected remedy addresses contamination in the Lake with the ultimate goal of reducing contamination in fish to levels that will no longer present an unacceptable health risk to the public via consumption. The remedy, which should result in a long-term reduction in toxicity, mobility, and volume of the key contaminants in Onondaga Lake, includes:

- Removal of approximately 2.6 million cubic yards of contaminated sediments and NAPLs by dredging;
- Isolation capping of about 425 acres of the littoral zone;
- Thin-layer capping of about 154 acres of contaminated sediments in the profundal zone, along with aeration of the deep water column, and monitored natural recovery;
- Construction of a sediment consolidation area on one or more of Honeywell's waste beds in the Town of Camillus (or another site, if preferred);
- Control of upland sources of contaminated groundwater or runoff; and
- Improvements to aquatic habitat throughout the Lake.

I concur with the selected remedy as it will prevent human exposure to contaminated sediments and support an eventual recreational fishery unhindered by fish consumption concerns.

If you have any questions, please call Geoff Laccetti at (518) 402 7871.



Mr. Dale Desnoyers  
Site #734030  
June 24, 2005

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Bates". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Steven M. Bates, Assistant Director  
Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation

cc: G. A. Carlson, Ph.D.  
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Mr. D. Coburn – Onondaga Co. Office of the Environment  
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Mr. J. Burke – DEC Region 7

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