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Ms. Svirsky:

I thought I would drop you a note to let you know how disappointed I am.

First, I am disappointed to find out that there was a meeting about PCBs in the Housatonic that I knew nothing about. I am a member of the Board of Directors for the Candlewood Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and as far as I know we knew nothing of the meeting. I read the Danbury paper each day, and saw nothing about the meeting. I have requested copies of previous Housatonic River study reports, so I know my name and address is in the system some place. Unless the intent was to keep public participation down, I am surprised at the lack of publicity.

Second, I am disappointed that General Electric is being allowed to continue their extended stall and do nothing approach to clean-up of the PCBs. It must be nice for GE to avoid spending the monies that were supposed to have been committed to the clean-up. They insulted the environment years ago, and they have so far been able to avoid taking responsibility for their actions. The fish in the Housatonic are still not edible ( I am a catch and release fisherman, but the fish should be edible for those who chose to eat them) , and if the upstream cleanups occur there is likely to be a surge in the downstream concentration of PCBs. GE should at least be required to monitor the concentration of PCB's in downstream media (river, sediments, fish, fowl) before, during and after the ponds and upstream river cleanup.

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