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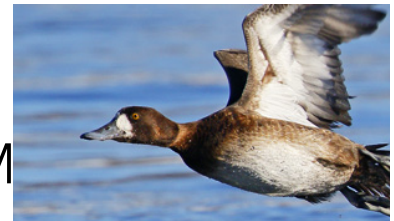
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DIRECTOR WALTER MUGDAN:**

"We are satisfied that the project we've had General Electric carry out has been a great success. We believe we are achieving the goals of the cleanup plan. We removed about twice as many pounds of PCBs than had been anticipated."



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EPA Approves Processing Facility Demobilization (<http://www.hudsondredging.com/news/epa-approves-processing-facility-demobilization>)

November 12, 2015 -- After considering public input, the EPA has approved a plan that outlines the multi-step process General Electric (GE) will follow to dismantle and decontaminate the 110 acre PCB sediment processing facility that was built to support the dredging of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site. The plan, called the Processing Facility Demobilization and Restoration Plan, is required by the 2006 legal agreement between GE and the EPA for the dredging work. The EPA will oversee GE's performance of the work required by the plan.

With the sixth and final season of dredging now complete, the approval provides permission to GE to begin the demobilization and restoration process as outlined in the plan. The demobilization process will continue into 2016. In general, the multi-step demobilization process includes:

- Decontamination of equipment and infrastructure (e.g. unloading equipment, buildings, concrete surfaces etc.)
- Sampling of equipment/materials
- Final placement of equipment/materials (e.g. sale, reuse, salvage/recycling, or off-site disposal)
- Environmental sampling (soil, groundwater, sediment and surface water)
- Property restoration

Backfilling of previously dredged areas with clean material was completed earlier this week. The processing facility will continue to load railcars until all dredged material has been transported off site, which is expected to occur by the end of the year.

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GE Completes Hudson River Dredging

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FAIRFIELD, Conn. — October 5, 2015 — GE [NYSE: GE] today announced it has completed dredging in New York's Upper Hudson River. Since 2009, GE has removed the majority of PCBs from the Upper Hudson River in one of the largest and most successful environmental cleanup projects ever undertaken in the United States. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has called the project an historic achievement that protected the environment and human health. GE's crews removed more than 300,000 pounds of PCBs from the river – more than twice as much as had been anticipated.

“Thirteen years ago, I committed GE to undertaking an environmental dredging project of a size, scope and complexity that had not been attempted before,” said GE Chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt. “Our goal was to perform this work as safely and effectively as possible in full compliance with the rigorous standards and timetable set by EPA. We brought world-class GE engineering and technology to the task, and we met every obligation on the Hudson, and will continue to do so. I am proud of the work of our GE team and confident that the dredging project will benefit the Hudson for generations to come.”

“This project took seven years to design and six more to complete,” said Ann Klee, GE's vice president of Global Operations — Environment, Health and Safety. “Our team of environmental engineers and dredging experts and our contractors worked around the clock to successfully achieve the goals of the project while minimizing to the greatest possible extent impacts on the river and local communities. We could not have completed this project without the steadfast cooperation of local communities, property owners and residents of the Upper Hudson and our strong working relationship with EPA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the

New York State Canal Corporation.”

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GE Preparing to Complete Hudson River Dredging Project, EPA Calls Project “Enormously Successful” **(<http://www.hudsondredging.com/news/ge-preparing-complete-hudson-river-dredging-project>)**

October 1, 2015 — Within days, GE will finish removing the majority of PCBs from the Upper Hudson River in one of the largest and most successful cleanups ever undertaken in the United States.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which ordered and has overseen every aspect of the project, has pronounced it “enormously successful” and a national model.

But some environmental groups and agencies say the unprecedented project was not sufficient. They want significantly more environmental dredging – beyond what EPA ordered. Three times EPA has considered their request. Three times EPA has rejected it.

[LINK: EPA calls project “a historic achievement”](http://www.hudsondredging.com/download_file/view/1/174)
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GE did not determine the size and scope of this project. The company’s responsibility was to conduct the project EPA selected – and we have done so exceptionally well.

EPA has determined no further dredging is necessary because the dredging project is achieving the goals of protecting public health and the environment.

Beyond more environmental dredging, some also are demanding navigational dredging to deepen the river for very large boats. Navigational dredging has never been part of the environmental dredging project.

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Hudson River Dredging: Historic Cleanup, Successful Completion **(<http://www.hudsondredging.com/news/hudson-river-dredging-historic-cleanup-successful-completion>)**

BY ANN R. KLEE



July 24, 2015 – This fall, GE will finish removing the majority of PCBs from the Upper Hudson River in one of the largest and most successful environmental cleanup projects ever undertaken in the United States.

Thirteen years ago, when the Environmental Protection Agency selected dredging, many

environmental groups praised the decision. Now, as this historic cleanup draws to a successful conclusion, some say this unprecedented project was not sufficient. They want significantly more dredging – beyond what EPA ordered.

EPA has rejected the request three times. EPA has said no further dredging is necessary because the dredging project is achieving its goals of protecting public health and the environment. In the words of EPA Region II Administrator Judith Enck, this project has been “enormously successful.”

For 12 years, EPA studied the Hudson before issuing its

final decision in 2002. The agency considered requiring an even larger dredging project, but ultimately determined that a carefully balanced approach — bank-to-bank dredging in some areas, targeted dredging in others — would reduce PCB levels in fish and protect public health and the environment while minimizing the risk of unnecessary harm to natural resources and disruption for local communities.

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GE to Study Hudson Shoreline Areas **(<http://www.hudsondredging.com/news/ge-study-hudson-shoreline-areas>)**

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — October 1, 2014 — GE announced today that it has reached an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to perform a comprehensive assessment of the Hudson River shoreline from Fort Edward to Troy, New York.

“GE welcomes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announcement of our agreement on a comprehensive study of the shoreline areas of the upper Hudson River, building on the work we have been doing in the river and along the shorelines for many years. This agreement was cooperative and demonstrates GE’s continued commitment to meet its environmental obligations,” said Ann R. Klee, GE’s vice president of Global Operations, Environment Health and Safety.

“GE takes great pride in what has been accomplished thus far on an extraordinary series of environmental cleanup projects conducted on and near the Hudson River,” Klee said. “The agreement announced today builds on the significant sampling and interim remedial work GE already has completed in the floodplain. As the environmental dredging project draws to an expected close in 2015, GE’s work on the Hudson River will continue.”

To date, GE has sampled more than 3,200 locations along the floodplain. Under the new agreement, GE will continue extensive sampling along 80 miles of Hudson shoreline. Under EPA supervision, GE also will perform human health and ecological risk assessments. Based on the results of these evaluations, EPA will develop and issue a cleanup plan (in a Record of Decision) for the entire floodplain area.

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GE Issues Report on Hudson River Project (<http://www.hudsondredging.com/news/ge-issues-report-hudson-river-project>)

FAIRFIELD, CT. - December 27, 2013 – General Electric Co. today issued a [report](http://www.hudsondredging.com/download_file/view/3/174) (http://www.hudsondredging.com/download_file/view/3/174) on the environmental dredging project the Company is conducting on the Upper Hudson River in New York State.

The Company said its completion of the project — expected in 2016 — will fully resolve its remedial liabilities. Any liability for natural resource damages beyond the cleanup is speculative at best, GE said, because current scientific evidence shows that Hudson River wildlife populations are robust and thriving. Therefore, GE said, it believes no expansion of the dredging project is warranted.

GE has spent more than \$1 billion thus far implementing the project selected and overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. EPA has said the project is meeting the Agency's clean-up goals and protects human health and the environment.

The report responds to a request from New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, sole trustee and manager of the New York State public employees' Common Retirement Fund.

To read the report [click here](#)
(http://www.hudsondredging.com/download_file/view/3/174).

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EPA Reaffirms Scope of Dredging Project **(<http://www.hudsondredging.com/news/epa-reaffirms-scope-dredging-project>)**

June 4, 2012 — EPA has completed a five-year review of the Hudson River dredging remedy. This was the second major review of this project in two years — and the second time EPA has reaffirmed the scope of the project.

EPA's review concludes that the dredging project "will be protective of human health and the environment upon completion" and that "additional dredging is not necessary to achieve the ROD objectives."

Further, EPA concludes "the ecological goals of the ROD will be achieved with time following implementation of the remedy." And, despite claims to the contrary, EPA determined that "no other information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness" of the remedy.

[Click here to download a PDF of EPA's report](#)
(<http://www.epa.gov/hudson/pdf/Hudson-River-FYR-6-2012.pdf>).

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