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HOUSATONIC RIVER PROJECT
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1 **Ellen Kenwood:**

2 Hi. My name is Ellen Kenwood. And I live at 40
3 Old Stockbridge Road in Lenox, Massachusetts 01240.
4 And my message to General Electric and the EPA is
5 that I am outraged that they want to build a toxic
6 PCB dump in Lenox Dale which is the next town over
7 from where I live. It's enough that General Electric
8 has polluted the Housatonic River, and we can't swim
9 in it and we can't eat the fish that's in it. Now
10 they want to get rid of the PCBs that they put into
11 that river by building a dump right in the middle of
12 the beautiful Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts
13 near Tanglewood and Jacob's Pillow. And millions of
14 people come here a year because it's so beautiful.
15 And now they want to make it toxic. Unbelievable.
16 I'm outraged at this. And also that when they --
17 when General Electric and the EPA decided to do this
18 they didn't consider the townspeople. They didn't
19 ask us our opinions. So they're getting our opinions
20 now after the fact. So anyway, General Electric and
21 the EPA have to come up with a better idea of how to
22 get rid of those PCBs from the Housatonic River.
23 This is not acceptable. Thank you. And have a
24 lovely day. Ellen Kenwood.
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1 **Trilby Miller:**

2 Hi. My name is Trilby Miller, T-r-i-l-b-y
3 Miller. I live at 6 Main Street, Apartment No. 415
4 in Lenox, Massachusetts 01240. I object to dumping
5 PCBs, the dumpsite in Lenox Dale. My granddaughters
6 live in Lenox Dale. And I am so tired of all the
7 pollution in general and the cleanup. It's been
8 going on for years because of dumps in the
9 Housatonic. And the last thing we need in this area
10 is a dump with PCBs in it. I strongly object. I
11 would join your group in fighting this fight. And I
12 would appreciate a call back and what I can do to
13 help the Environmental Protection Group. My number
14 is 512 363-6355. And I am registering my complaint
15 here and want to help out in any way I can to block
16 this dump being put in our -- in Lenox Dale. Thank
17 you so much. Bye.

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20 **Matthew Cusak:**

21 Hi. This is Matthew Cusak, 19 Cliffwood Street,
22 Lenox, Massachusetts. I wanted to get it on record
23 that I am vehemently opposed to the proposed solution
24 to clean up the Housatonic River by taking the
25 contaminants and piling them up in our neighborhood

1 in a dump. The EPA's purpose is to protect the
2 environment. I feel like this would actually hurt or
3 pollute our environment, and it's not an acceptable
4 solution to the problem caused by GE over many years
5 in this area. I would like to request that the EPA
6 and the local government reevaluate this plan, and
7 not pursue it, and to figure out a way to properly
8 clean up this environment so that we can reverse the
9 damage that's been done so far and not cause more
10 damage to our environment and our residents moving
11 forward. Thank you for putting this on record. And
12 I hope that this is resolved in a way that can serve
13 our community moving forward. Thank you.

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16 **Sam Miller:**

17 Hi. My name is Sam Miller. I live at 111
18 Tamarack Ave. in Lee, Mass. Phone number is 413 243-
19 2749. I am opposed to what GE is doing in terms that
20 it is GE that created the situation in the first
21 place. And they were warned back in the latter '30s,
22 1930's, by a company producing the PCBs in Georgia to
23 expect litigation. GE has always, always, always
24 taken the least expensive way out of everything in
25 terms of maximizing profits. They never installed

1 any kind of safety devices at the GE plant in
2 Pittsfield until somebody was killed or seriously
3 injured, then within a matter of moments there were
4 safety devices installed, okay? The workers that
5 were working around the transformers and what have
6 you, they have died off from cancer now working with
7 the PCBs. They were never given any kind of mob
8 gear, or any kind of protective gear or what have you
9 because that would be to recognize the inherent
10 danger of working around PCBs. GE has run itself in
11 such a manner as to be detrimental to the overall
12 health of this country because it's always about
13 profits, profits, profits. And bear in mind there
14 was a Congressional hearing years back which what
15 came to light was that no upper management people got
16 to that position unless they were willing to do
17 anything to maximize profits. So GE should not be
18 permitted to take the sleazy way out in terms of
19 rectifying the problem that they dam sure created
20 themselves, and knowingly created. So thank you very
21 much for your time.

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24 **Diane Carroll:**

25 Diane Carroll, 55 Mountain View Terrace, Lee,

1 Massachusetts. I was a school nurse for 27 years,
2 with 14 years; the last, being at Lee Middle High
3 School. And my main concern is that the toxic waste
4 dump -- proposed toxic waste dump is going to be
5 placed near all those schools. And I'm very
6 concerned about our children and our young adults
7 being exposed, airborne toxic waste when the trucks
8 are going to dump in our proposed dump in Lenox Dale.
9 I am extremely, extremely concerned for our young
10 children and our young people on the long-term
11 effects of being exposed to this potential dump.
12 That is my main concern. I would appreciate that
13 being addressed because there is no guarantee that
14 this dump will keep that from happening, these PCBs.
15 Please address my concerns. That's my main concern.
16 My phone number is 413 243-2509. And my email is
17 chasandi@gmail.com. Thank you.

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20 **Ronald Cione:**

21 Hi. My name is Ronald Cione. I live at 370
22 Bradley Street in Lee, Mass. I definitely strongly
23 protest the dumping of toxic material in Lee because
24 we live right below where they're dumping it. So
25 yeah, I have to strongly protest anything to do with

1 dumping -- well not anything, but I strongly protest
2 dumping on these sites in Lee, Massachusetts. I mean
3 they closed this dump because of less lethal stuff
4 than PCBs. So yeah, I don't know why they're opening
5 it back up to dump PCBs back in. Thank you.
6 Goodbye.

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