

To: The Editor
From: Craig Hayner/Town Councilman - Halfmoon, NY
Subject: EPA/GE Dredging of the Hudson River
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Here we go again! With the clock ticking closer to the scheduled EPA Federally mandated dredging of the Hudson River; the EPA has provided our citizens only with more rhetoric instead of real answers. At last Wednesday nights meeting at Stillwater High School, I witnessed a blatant disregard for those that use the Hudson River for drinking water, everyday living and just as importantly, those who live and make their living along the Hudson River. At the meeting it was evident the EPA had one job to do and that was to continue to frustrate the residents of Stillwater, Halfmoon, Waterford and Mechanicville into submission and discontent. At one point of the meeting, the spokesman for the EPA said that this project has already been delayed and it will not be delayed any longer! How can this be? The evidence is clear that the EPA has not completed its homework! Time and again during the meeting good questions were raised but the EPA's answers were incomplete and full of holes. The EPA's lack of solutions and protocol to the complex issues and short and long term effects of this dredge are too numerous to offer you in this letter.

During the meeting we heard from several local town officials, a New York State Assemblyman from Washington County and our New York State Senator who represents Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties. But who appropriates the money and gives the power to the EPA to mandate their agenda? Congress does! For a federally mandated project of this magnitude, and to neither see nor hear from any of our elected officials in Congress from the Senate or House of Representatives is beyond disappointing. Without their representation, our voices will continue to fall on deaf ears. The job of our elected officials in Congress is to keep these agencies accountable on our behalf. With the scheduled dredge looming in only 60 days; it is imperative that we make our voices heard loudly and quickly. Call and write your elected officials in Congress to get off the sidelines and get involved. At minimum there needs to be a delay in the dredge so that the EPA is forced to complete its homework and assure us all of our health and safety. Below are the names, addresses and phone numbers of our elected officials in Congress. Call and write today!

Senator Charles E. Schumer
Phone: 202-224-6542
Address: 313 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Phone: 202-224-4451
Address: 531 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

House of Representative Paul Tonko
Phone: 202-225-5076
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