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Irene Kropp, Deputy Commissioner
NJDEP
401 E. State Street
P.O. Box 402
Trenton, NJ 08625-0402

Dear Deputy Commissioner Kropp:

I write to you regarding the proposed redevelopment and restoration plan for the Former Cytec Site in Carteret, New Jersey. NY/NJ Baykeeper has met with the property owners several times and toured the site to gain a better understanding of the proposal. We are supportive of the concept put forward by the property owners to remediate, restore and redevelop the site.

The Cytec property is a critical piece of the larger ecosystem of the lower Rahway River and contains valuable natural areas and habitat. At a time when we see so many property owners simply proposing to pave over sites located in the Hudson-Raritan Estuary, it has been refreshing to discuss an alternative route that not only fulfills the property owner's business model, but also protects the vast majority of the site from further development.

The contamination on this site needs to be addressed. It serves no one to allow this site to languish while pollutants continue to enter our environment and the property owner has brought forth an innovative proposal to address the site in a holistic way. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah A. Mans".

Deborah A. Mans
Baykeeper & Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Bob Martin, NJDEP