

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

HUDSON RIVERKEEPER FUND, INC.,)	
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Plaintiff, and)	
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VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON)	
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Plaintiff, Intervenor,)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
)	94-2741
v.)	
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ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY,)	
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Defendant)	
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2015 MODIFICATION TO THE 2003 CONSENT DECREE

Whereas, Hudson Riverkeeper Fund, Inc., now known as Riverkeeper, Inc. (“Riverkeeper”), the Village of Hastings-On-Hudson (the “Village”) and Atlantic Richfield Company (“AR”) entered into a Consent Decree (the “2003 Consent Decree”) that was duly entered by this Court on December 19, 2003 in the above captioned litigation.

Whereas, the 2003 Consent Decree resolved claims brought by Riverkeeper and the Village against AR under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”), 42 U.S.C. § 6972(a)(1)(B) seeking the remediation of approximately 28 acres of land located at 1 River Street, Hastings-On-Hudson, New York and on the bank of the Hudson River. The property is the former location of a wire and cable manufacturing plant operated by the Anaconda Wire & Cable Company, and the Anaconda Wire & Cable Company used polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCBs”) in the manufacture of shipboard cable for the United States Navy during World War II;

Whereas, the 2003 Consent Decree required AR to conduct certain actions to remediate PCB contamination on the upland portion of the property (known as “Operable Unit 1”) depending on the nature and extent of a remedy selected by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) and also required AR to take certain other actions with respect to the redevelopment of the property;

Whereas, in 2004 DEC selected a remedy for the Site consistent with Alternative 3 under Section 5.4(c) of the 2003 Consent Decree and set forth that remedy in a March 18, 2004 Record of Decision for Operable Unit 1 (“OU-1 ROD”). Operable Unit 1 refers to the uplands portion of the Property;

Whereas, in 2005 AR entered into a Consent Order with DEC pursuant to which AR agreed to proceed with the design and implementation of the remedy set forth in the OU-1 ROD;

Whereas, from 2005 through 2007, AR conducted further field investigation and proceeded with the remedial design work required to fulfill its obligations under the 2003 Consent Decree and 2005 Consent Order. During the course of the performance of that work, it became apparent to AR, Riverkeeper, the Village, and DEC that the remedy for OU-1 would need to be integrated with a remedy for PCBs found in sediments in the Hudson River along the shoreline of the Site. Such sediments are referred to as “Operable Unit 2” or “OU-2”;

Whereas, from 2007 through 2011, AR conducted extensive field investigations into the scope, nature, and distribution of PCBs and metals found in sediments in the vicinity of the Site and also conducted a modified feasibility study evaluating potential remedial options that addressed contaminated Hudson River sediments and integrated the sediment remedy with the upland remedy for the Site;

Whereas, in March 2012 DEC issued a Record of Decision for the Hudson River sediments in OU-2 (“OU-2 ROD”) as well as a Record of Decision Amendment for Operable Unit 1 (“OU-1 ROD Amendment”). The OU-2 ROD and the 2012 OU-1 ROD Amendment provide for an integrated protective remedy for both the upland property and the Hudson River sediments;

Whereas, in 2013 AR entered into a Consent Order with DEC (“2013 DEC Consent Order”) requiring AR to design and implement the integrated remedy for the Site as set forth in the OU-1 ROD, the OU-1 ROD Amendment, and the OU-2 ROD;

Whereas, the Parties wish to amend the 2003 Federal Consent Decree to allow AR to conduct an integrated remedy for the Site consistent with the OU-1 ROD, the OU-1 ROD Amendment, and the OU-2 ROD;

NOW THEREFORE, the Village, Riverkeeper, and Atlantic Richfield agree to enter into this Consent Decree, which supersedes and replaces the 2003 Consent Decree and sets forth the obligations of the Parties hereto.

ARTICLE I: JURISDICTION

1.1 This Court has personal jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345, and 42 U.S.C. §§ 6972, 7002, and 9613(b). The parties to this Consent Decree agree to be bound by the terms of this Consent Decree and agree not to contest its validity in any subsequent proceeding to implement or enforce its terms.

ARTICLE II: VENUE

2.1 Venue is proper in this district under 42 U.S.C. § 6972, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(b), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1395, as it is the judicial district in which the releases or threatened releases occurred.

ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS

3.1 For the purposes of this 2015 Consent Decree, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) **“Acceptable Fill”** shall mean (i) soil or topsoil that meets DEC’s restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.4(b)(2) and 375-6.7(d) and DEC Technical Guidance DER-10; (ii) uncontaminated gravel, stone, or other armoring material; (iii) uncontaminated construction and demolition debris from the Site consisting of recognizable concrete and concrete products, asphalt pavement, brick, glass, and/or rock or (iv) Operable Unit 1 soils or Operable Unit 2 sediments that may be solidified or stabilized and either meet DEC’s restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.4(b)(2) and 375-6.7(d) and DER-10 or are approved by DEC pursuant to a beneficial use determination pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 360 and applicable DEC policies. With respect to Section 3.1(a)(ii) and (iii) above, the term “uncontaminated” shall mean material that is not mixed or commingled with other solid waste at the point of generation, processing or disposal, and that is not contaminated with spills of a petroleum product, hazardous waste, hazardous substance in excess of DEC’s restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.4(b)(2) and 375-6.7(d) DEC Technical Guidance DER-10. Contamination from spills of a petroleum product does not include asphalt or concrete pavement that has come into contact with petroleum products through normal vehicle use of the roadway.

(b) **“Approval Period”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.4(b) of this Decree.

(c) **“AR” or “the Company”** shall mean The Atlantic Richfield Company and its parents, subsidiaries, successors, assigns, and affiliates, including, but not limited to, ARCO Environmental Remediation, LLP and BP America, Inc.

(d) **“Clean Soils”** shall mean soil or topsoil that meets the definition of Acceptable Fill set forth in Section 3.1(a)(i) above.

(e) **“The Court”** shall mean the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

(f) **“Developable Portion of the Site”** shall mean the Site excluding (a) an area to become sloped shoreline and/or stable transition (including a vegetated riparian buffer area) extending in an easterly direction inland from the mean low tide water line of the Site to the first Site redevelopment finished grade contour line at +11 feet above Local Mean Sea Level (“LMSL”), as determined in an approved Remedial Design, with such contour line estimated to be approximately 80 to 100 feet from the mean low water mark (but not to exceed 110 feet from the mean low water mark) (and approximately 60 to 70 feet from the mean low water mark along the Northern Boat Slip and Southern Boat

Slip), and running from the southern end of the Northwest Corner bulkhead to the Southern property boundary (b) the Northwest Corner, including the extension thereof into the Hudson River; and (c) other areas of the Site where Site contours may require sloping or grading to create stable slopes matching the elevations of adjacent properties including the Metro North railroad.

(g) **“Effective Date”** shall mean the date on which the Court enters this Decree.

(h) **“EPA”** shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(i) **“Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust Fund”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.1 of this Decree.

(j) **“The Litigation”** shall mean *Hudson Riverkeeper Fund, Inc. v. Atlantic Richfield Company*, 94 Civ. 2741 (WCC) filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

(k) **“Northern Boat Slip”** shall mean that area of the Site adjoining the cove on the northern portion of the Site.

(l) **“Northwest Corner”** shall mean that area of the Site located in the extreme northwestern corner of the Site and having an area of approximately 31,250 square feet. The Northwest Corner encompasses all portions of the Site between those points marked with the numbers 10-18 on Exhibit A and delineated by the corresponding GPS coordinates.

(m) **“Northern Remainder”** shall mean that portion of the Site located north of a line bisecting the Site and beginning at the shoreline from a point 350 feet south of the Shoreline Area and running perpendicular to the shoreline until it intersects the eastern boundary of the Site, except that the Northern Remainder shall not include the Northwest Corner or Shoreline Area. The Northern Remainder is depicted on Exhibit A.

(n) **“OU-1”** shall mean Operable Unit 1, i.e., the term used by DEC to describe the Site itself, and shall not include the Hudson River, the Hudson River bottom, or Hudson River sediments.

(o) **“OU-2”** shall mean Operable Unit 2, i.e., the term used by DEC to describe the Hudson River, the Hudson River bottom and/or Hudson River sediments.

(p) **“Parties”** shall mean, collectively, AR, Riverkeeper and the Village. AR, Riverkeeper and the Village each may individually be referred to sometimes herein as a Party.

(q) **“PCBs”** shall mean those chemicals known as polychlorinated biphenyls.

- (r) **“Risk Contract”** shall have the meaning assigned in Section 7.4 of this Order.
- (s) **“Remedial Design”** shall mean the Remedial Design document submitted to DEC for approval upon completion of the Remedial Design process as set forth in the 2013 DEC Consent Order.
- (t) **“Riverkeeper”** shall mean Plaintiff Hudson Riverkeeper Fund, Inc. now known as Riverkeeper, Inc.
- (u) **“Shoreline Area”** shall mean that area of the Site circumscribed by a line that can be described as follows: (i) starting from the intersection of the shoreline and the southwestern-most point in Northwest Corner and running generally south parallel to the shoreline for 300 feet; (ii) then running perpendicular to the shoreline for 50 feet, (iii) then running 300 feet parallel to the shoreline in a generally northern direction but 50 feet inland from the shoreline, and (iv) finally running 50 feet perpendicular to the shoreline until it meets the southwestern most point in Northwest Corner. The Shoreline Area has an area of approximately 15,000 square feet and is depicted on Exhibit A.
- (v) **“Site”** shall mean that property above the mean low tide line currently owned by AR, consisting of approximately 28 acres of land located on the banks of the Hudson River at 1 River Street in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. For the purposes of this Consent Decree, the Hudson River, the bottom of the Hudson River, and Hudson River sediments shall not be part of the Site.
- (w) **“Sloped Shoreline”** shall mean an area to become sloped shoreline and/or stable transition (including estuarine plantings and other vegetation appropriate for habitat) extending in an easterly direction inland from the mean low tide water mark of the Site to the first Site finished redevelopment grade contour line at +11 feet above LMSL as determined in an approved Remedial Design and/or redevelopment plan, with such contour line estimated to be approximately 80 to 100 feet from the mean low tide water mark (but not to exceed 110 feet from the mean low water mark) (and approximately 60 to 70 feet from the mean low tide water mark along the Northern Boat Slip and Southern Boat Slip), and running from the southern end of the Northwest Corner bulkhead to the southern property boundary. The planting plans for the Sloped Shoreline and vegetated buffer shall be included in the draft Remedial Design and final Remedial Design.
- (x) **“Southern Boat Slip”** shall mean that area of the Site adjoining the cove on the southern portion of the Site.
- (y) **“Southern Portion”** shall mean those portions of the Site excluding the Northwest Corner, the Shoreline Area, and the Northern Remainder. The Southern Portion is depicted on Exhibit A.
- (z) **“Village”** shall mean the Plaintiff-Intervenor the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson.

(aa) **“Village Trust Fund”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.1 of this Decree.

(bb) **“Walkway”** shall mean a jogging path, promenade, trail or comparable amenity.

ARTICLE IV: SITE REMEDY

4.1 Site Remedy.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decree (including but not limited to, Section 4.9), AR agrees to cause environmental remediation to be performed at the Site in accordance with the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment issued by DEC. The Parties agree that the manner and method of achieving the environmental remediation, including, but not limited to, the engineering design and implementation of the excavation, bulkhead and/or Sloped Shoreline, water treatment system, hydraulic controls, or support, restraining, cover, or control systems shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be left to AR’s discretion, provided that the results of AR’s actions meet the requirements of the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment and applicable terms and conditions of this Consent Decree, and further provided that the Village and the Riverkeeper shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the draft Remedial Design, including plans, design drawings and specifications contained therein, the draft Site Management Plan, the draft Final Engineering Report, and any other work plans or supplemental work plans submitted to DEC under the 2013 DEC Consent Order, and AR shall give consideration to any such comments. In exercising that discretion, AR shall design the remedy in accordance with sound engineering practices and the standards of care applicable to environmental remedial activities and, in so doing, may consider cost effectiveness of remedial activities, regulatory criteria that would be used by EPA or DEC to evaluate the implementation of any remedy, and consistency of design and approach with concurrent remedial obligations imposed on AR by DEC, EPA, or other governmental or regulatory agencies (including the ability to obtain all necessary permits, variances, or other governmental authorizations).

(b) In the event AR seeks a beneficial use determination from DEC pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 360 with regard to the use of material as backfill (including but not limited to dredged soils or sediments), AR shall provide the Village a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such request, including but not limited to comments to DEC with respect to such request. The Village shall be considered to be an interested party with respect to such a request.

(c) The Parties recognize and agree that the demolition of Building 52 on the site would effectuate remediation of soils contaminated with PCBs and other hazardous substances underneath and in the immediate vicinity of the building with minimum delay and potential exposure of the public to such contaminants. AR shall submit an application for the demolition of Building 52 to the Village for timely review and decision. The Village’s failure to approve demolition of Building 52 is recognized by the Parties as a cause for renegotiation of this Consent Decree.

4.2 **Consistency with Other Regulatory Obligations.** The Parties agree that any remedy performed pursuant to this Article shall be performed in accordance with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, regulations, and permitting obligations and that AR shall expeditiously seek to obtain all required governmental permits or authorizations to proceed with the activities described in this Article V. In the event that any governmental agency refuses to authorize such actions, the Parties agree to invoke the force majeure provisions of Article X.

4.3 **Excavation of Contaminated Soils in Northern Remainder and the Southern Portion.** AR agrees that it shall excavate soils and fill material in the Northern Remainder and the Southern Portion in accordance with the criteria established for excavation in such areas in the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment.

4.4 **Excavation of Contaminated Soils in the Northwest Corner and the Shoreline Area.** AR agrees that it shall excavate soils and fill material in the Northwest Corner and the Shoreline Area in accordance with the criteria established for excavation in such areas in the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment.

4.5 **Disposal of Excavated Soil and Fill.** AR shall, as appropriate, treat and dispose of any soils, fill materials, water, wastewater, or other wastes generated pursuant to activities conducted under Sections 4.3 and 4.4. Any such treatment and disposal shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and any such disposal shall occur at an appropriate off-site disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulation. AR shall use all reasonable efforts to maximize the use of barges and rail to transport material excavated from the Site and to bring equipment and material to the Site (e.g., for backfill) in effectuating the remediation, as well as to transport any sediment excavated from the Hudson River pursuant to the OU-2 ROD that are placed on the Site and not used as backfill in implementing the OU-1 ROD.

4.6 **Installation of a Bulkhead and Sloped Shoreline.**

(a) Consistent with the OU-1 ROD Amendment, AR shall install a new bulkhead around the Northwest Corner. The bulkhead installed pursuant to this Section 4.6 shall consist of steel sheet pile or equivalent with a design life as approved by DEC, and the bulkhead shall be installed such that a future dock or pier of suitable design and construction could be constructed by a developer, owner, or other party out to water depths greater than 15 feet off the northwest corner and connected to the Northwest Corner through a gangway, floating walkway, or other similar structure without jeopardizing the structural integrity of the Northwest Corner bulkhead or the integrity of the site remedy. The shoreline along the Shoreline Area, Northern Remainder and Southern Portion of the Site may consist of either a steel sheet pile bulkhead or a sloped natural shoreline. The Sloped Shoreline shall be designed to include appropriate grading and armoring to protect against erosion. AR shall also construct the riparian vegetated buffer and design the Sloped Shoreline such that an additional vegetative buffer could be further installed in the vicinity of the Sloped Shoreline/Developable Area interface, with the precise location of any such vegetative buffer to be determined in the Remedial Design. AR shall initially seed any such area of additional vegetation with grass.

(b) The Village has received a grant from DEC for waterfront planning. Consistent with the OU-1 ROD, the DEC-approved schedule for design and implementation of the OU-1 ROD, and the long term protection of the remedial actions implemented pursuant to the OU-1 ROD, AR and the Village shall cooperate and coordinate regarding the design of the Sloped Shoreline to provide reasonable flexibility in design elements to accommodate potential redevelopment modifications that may correspond to reasonable future waterfront uses, including but not limited to the location of waterfront uses, the location of the Walkway, and the steepness of the slope.

(c) A portion of the Sloped Shoreline area shall be designed for use as a Walkway and shall be graded such that the grade is substantially flat. The Walkway location and grade elevations shall be included in the draft and final Remedial Design and shall be subject to Village approval, not to be unreasonably withheld. Any such area shall also be designed to be consistent with the designation of Open Space pursuant to Section 7.1(f)(ii).

(de) AR shall incorporate a proposed planting plan for the Sloped Shoreline (including the vegetated riparian buffer therein) in the draft and final Remedial Design, which shall be subject to the Village's review and comment. AR and the Village shall cooperate in good faith to reach agreement on the planting plan.

(ed) AR shall design the Sloped Shoreline along the Northern Boat Slip to include a concrete ramp or other similar Bboat launch ("Boat Launch") suitable for launching non-motorized light recreational watercraft. The location of the Boat Launch within the Northern Boat Slip shall be subject to Village approval, not to be unreasonably withheld, and AR and the Village shall cooperate in good faith to reach agreement on the exact location of the Boat Launch. Consistent with the establishment of other institutional controls in Section 7.1, AR shall establish a right of public access to the Bboat Hlaunch that runs with the land, and such right may be effectuated through the adoption of an appropriate easement, access agreement, designation of open space, designation of a public street, or other such land use control.

(e) The parties recognize that a future developer, owner, or other party may desire to raise the elevation of a reasonable area within the Developable Portion of the Site to an elevation greater than +11 above LMSL. AR shall endeavor to design the Sloped Shoreline taking reasonable account of the possibility that some of the Developable Portion of the Site (or of the base of buildings constructed on the Developable Portion of the Site) may subsequently be raised to an elevation up to +14 LMSL. In the design of the Sloped Shoreline, without materially increasing the costs of remediation, AR shall endeavor to avoid creating unnecessary obstacles to such future placement of fill.

4.7 Removal of Water Tower. AR's draft and final Remedial Design shall include plans for the demolition of the Water Tower in a safe and efficient manner to effectuate the remedy. Demolition shall proceed as follows:

(a) Within 90 days of the Effective Date of this modification to the Consent Decree, AR shall obtain and provide to the Village an independent third party estimate of the expected costs of demolition of the Water Tower (“Water Tower Demolition Costs”).

(b) Within 90 days of the Effective Date, the Village may elect to conduct an inspection of the Water Tower for the purposes of providing an independent determination of whether the Water Tower’s condition is such that it may reasonably be preserved. Any contractor retained by the Village for such inspection shall carry workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance as well as commercial general liability insurance in amounts to be required by the Village and shall name AR as an additional insured on such insurance. If the Village determines that the Water Tower cannot reasonably be preserved or otherwise decides it does not wish to preserve the Water Tower, then the Village may direct AR to demolish the Water Tower.

(c) If the Village has not directed AR to demolish the Water Tower, at any time before 60 days prior to AR’s submittal of the final Remedial Design to DEC for approval, the Village or any citizen’s group may present to AR a plan for dismantling, storing, restoring, and reconstructing the Water Tower (“Water Tower Preservation Plan”), provided that such plan meets the following criteria:

(1) Any work conducted pursuant to the Water Tower Preservation Plan must be conducted by one or more qualified contractor(s) retained by the party or organization presenting the plan and such contractors must be:

- (i) experienced demolition and restoration contractors.
- (ii) trained, certified, and qualified to work on hazardous waste sites;
- (iii) capable of meeting AR’s health and safety requirements; and
- (iv) fully insured and bonded at levels consistent with AR’s insurance and bonding requirements for AR contractors attached as Exhibit B.

(2) The Water Tower Preservation Plan must include the contractor’s health and safety plan for AR’s review and approval, not to be unreasonably withheld.

(3) Both the group and the contractors being retained must release and indemnify AR for any claims related to the work being performed, provided that such indemnification shall be subordinate to any insurance coverage naming AR as an insured or additional insured.

(4) The work must be completed on a schedule that will not interfere with or delay AR’s remediation schedule and work. At a minimum, dismantling and removal must be completed before the date set forth in the final Remedial Design for the initiation of on-site remediation construction, and restoration of the Water Tower shall not occur until AR’s on-site remediation construction work is complete.

(5) The party presenting the Water Tower Preservation Plan must demonstrate that it has sufficient funds to pay for the work under the Plan, minus (a) any funds that have been contributed to the Trust Fund by the Village and/or that a third party has raised and has reasonably demonstrated are specifically earmarked and committed to the Water Tower refurbishment and reconstruction and (b) the matching funds that would be provided by AR pursuant to Section 8.3 of this Consent Decree.

(d) AR shall have the right to review and approve any Water Tower Preservation Plan submitted to it, with such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

(e) If AR approves a Water Tower Preservation Plan, the party presenting the plan shall be responsible for completing the Water Tower dismantling, removal and preservation. AR shall contribute the Water Tower Demolition Costs to the party presenting the Plan. The party presenting the plan shall be required to demonstrate that it has raised all remaining funds to carry out the Water Tower Preservation Plan and shall be otherwise responsible for the full costs of the work.

(f) If AR reasonably rejects a Water Tower Preservation Plan or if no Water Tower Preservation Plan is timely presented to AR, AR shall move forward with timely demolition of the Water Tower, and the Village shall timely review any permit application for demolition of the Water Tower. The Village's failure to approve demolition of the Water Tower is recognized by the Parties as a cause for renegotiation of this Consent Decree.

4.8 **Construction of Hydraulic Controls.** AR shall install hydraulic controls in the Northwest Corner area consistent with the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment.

4.9 **Contact Barrier and Cover.** AR shall place Acceptable Fill upon the Site as follows:

(a) Upon completion of excavation pursuant to the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment;

(i) AR shall place Acceptable Fill in excavated areas to return such excavated areas to either their original grade or in areas that will become part of the Sloped Shoreline, the design grade for the Sloped Shoreline.

(ii) Acceptable Fill pursuant to Section 3.1(a)(iii) shall be placed only to return excavated areas to their original grade and the Acceptable Fill placed in areas that will become part of the Sloped Shoreline shall not include construction and demolition debris as defined in Section 3.1(a)(iii).

(iii) Acceptable Fill placed in the Developable Portion of the Site shall be sufficiently crushed, if necessary, so as (x) not to materially inhibit pilings or other structural support to be driven through it, (y) to inhibit subsidence that

would materially impair reasonable future use, and (z) to support topsoil that would maintain vegetation placed on top of it. The Acceptable Fill should be placed in lifts and compacted such that the fill is substantially non-yielding so as not to materially create impairment to future commercial or residential use of the Developable Portion of the Site.

(iv) Acceptable Fill placed as part of the Sloped Shoreline shall consist of either Clean Soils or gravel, stone, or other armoring materials meeting the criteria of Section 3.1(a)(ii). Such Acceptable Fill placed along the shoreline shall be sized and placed to provide for slope stability, protect against erosion, and allow for habitat restoration to the extent practicable. Recognizing that armoring may need to be removed and replaced to install piles or other structural support, such Acceptable Fill shall not materially inhibit pilings or other structural support to be installed through it. Such Acceptable Fill also shall not create significant subsidence conditions that would materially impair reasonable future uses consistent with protecting the integrity of the remedy such as light boathouses/boat storage buildings, a public seating area, or ancillary facilities such as a small café for the service of light foods, restrooms and similar services, recognizing that such structures may need to be placed on piles.

(v) AR shall place a permeable demarcation layer consistent with the approved Remedial Design which may consist of either a layer of synthetic material such as Geogrid, a demarcation snow fence, or another suitable material, over the Developable Portion of the Site after completing the placement of Acceptable Fill required in Section 4.9(a)(i).

(vi) In addition to the placement of Acceptable Fill to return the Site to grade as set forth in Section 4.9(a)(i), AR shall place two additional feet of Clean Soils across the entire Developable Portion of the Site, unless the placement would create significant mounding which is likely to inhibit proper drainage. The top two feet shall be Clean Soils unless the placement of other Acceptable Fill is approved in writing by the Village. The Village may request that AR place more than two feet of Clean Soils in certain locations, and less in other locations, (such that the overall volume of Clean Soils required by this subparagraph is unchanged), and AR shall comply with such request provided it is not in contravention of the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 Amended ROD or is approved by DEC. The Clean Soils should be graded to inhibit erosion and placed in lifts and compacted such that the Clean Soils are compacted and substantially non-yielding. Along the Sloped Shoreline and other such areas bordering adjacent properties where stable grades may need to be created and maintained, AR shall place sufficient Clean Fill to create such stable grades.

(vii) AR shall promptly seed, fertilize and maintain the Clean Soils Cover after its placement to reduce sedimentation and erosion, and make any repairs necessary to

maintain the Clean Soils Cover, until additional Clean Soils have been placed on the Site pursuant to Section 4.9(b).

(b) Prior to or concurrent with Site redevelopment, AR shall cause Clean Soils to be placed across the Site in accordance with the following criteria:

(i) Clean Soils shall be placed in the Developable Portion of the Site in a volume sufficient to raise the elevation to a minimum of +11 feet above LMSL, subject to the restrictions and provisions of Section 4.9(a)(iii). In the event that any regulatory agency, including but not limited to DEC or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, does not allow the Developable Portion of the Site to be raised to a minimum of +11 feet above LMSL, the Parties recognize that such a determination is a cause for renegotiation of this Consent Decree.

(ii) The uppermost 6 inches of Clean Soils placed on the Developable Portion of the Site that will not be covered by roads, buildings, pavement, or other impermeable surfaces shall consist of a 6 inch layer of topsoil that will be seeded, fertilized and maintained to reduce sedimentation and erosion, and AR shall make any repairs necessary to maintain the Clean Soils Cover, subject to Section 7.2.

(iii) Both the volume and grading of Clean Soils placed in the Developable Portion may be adjusted to allow for contouring to provide for appropriate Site drainage, the placement of utilities, and the placement of roads, sidewalks, or other paved areas, subject to the approval of the Village.

(iv) Any trenches for new utilities or excavation of existing utilities shall be over-excavated to remove soils containing contaminants above the restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives as set forth in Part 375-6.7(d) on all sides to a width adequate for future maintenance without requiring future excavation of soils outside this clean corridor created for utilities.

(v) Any new utilities shall be surveyed to identify the location thereof, which survey shall include GPS coordinates for incorporation into a Village GPS system.

(c) AR may fulfill its obligation pursuant to Section 4.9(b) by:

(i) Placing Clean Soils on the Developable Portion of the Site in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 4.9(b); or

(ii) Causing a redeveloper or other third party to place Clean Soils on the Developable Portion of the Site in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 4.9(b) and in conjunction with a Village-approved and zoned redevelopment plan for the Site; or

(iii) Issuing a promissory note to a future redeveloper or, if there is no redeveloper, issuing a promissory note or other financial assurance reasonably acceptable to the Village, in an amount sufficient for the purchase and placement of Clean Soils on the Developable Portion of the Site in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 4.9(b) and in accordance with a Village-approved and zoned redevelopment plan for the Site.

(d) To the extent that AR desires to use debris from the demolition of Building 52 (or from previously demolished structures on the Site for including in the Acceptable Fill, AR shall first segregate potentially hazardous materials contained in the debris (including, but not limited to, PCBs, asbestos and lead painted matter), conduct all appropriate characteristic testing of such materials, remove and dispose of any hazardous or otherwise unsuitable materials, and then crush any remaining suitable materials for reuse, consistent with Section 3.1(a) (iii).

4.10 **Remedial Monitoring:** AR shall pay the reasonable costs for the Village to retain independent consultants (which may include counsel) to conduct periodic inspections of the site, review the principal elements of remediation, have access to AR's consultants' data, conduct other consultative or advisory tasks during the course of the development of Work Plans and implementation of a remedy pursuant to this Consent Decree and/or the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment, and provide advice and guidance to the Village with regard to AR's implementation of the remedy (collectively, "Monitoring"). For the purposes of this Section 4.10, the reasonable costs incurred by the Village for such Monitoring shall not exceed the sum of Three hundred thousand, dollars (\$300,000.00) through the first five years after approval by the Court of this modification to the Consent Decree. -The Hastings Monitoring Trust Account (the "Monitoring Trust Account") established pursuant to Article V of the 2003 Consent Decree shall remain in full force and effect for purposes of this Article IV. No later than thirty days after approval by the Court of this modification to the Consent Decree ~~or March 15, 2016, whichever is later~~, AR shall pay into the Hastings Monitoring Trust Account the sum of Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00). The Village may draw upon such account for Monitoring through and until the DEC has issued AR a written statement that the remedial construction on the Site required by the agency has been satisfactorily completed. At any time more than five years after court approval of the modification to this Consent Decree but prior to DEC's notice of completion remedial construction, if the Monitoring Trust balance is less than \$25,000 the Village and AR shall meet in good faith to negotiate one or more additional payments by AR into the Monitoring Trust sufficient to address the Village's reasonably estimated remaining Monitoring costs. If at the time of ~~such~~ written notification of completion by DEC there are funds remaining in the Monitoring Trust that are in excess of the expenses incurred by the Village for Monitoring, any such excess funds shall be transferred to the Village Trust Fund established under Article VIII of this Consent Decree; AR and the Village shall cooperate in taking actions necessary to effectuate such transfer.

4.11 **Timing of Implementation of the Remedy.** AR shall implement the remedy set forth in the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment in accordance with a schedule approved by DEC pursuant to the March 2013 Consent Order between DEC and AR. The

Village or Riverkeeper may seek to have the Court enforce the terms of this Consent Decree and direct remediation pursuant to this Article IV if the design of the remedy is not proceeding on a reasonably expeditious schedule or if implementation of the remedy is not proceeding on a reasonably expeditious schedule after the Remedial Design is complete.

4.12 **Performance of AR's Obligations Under Article IV.** AR may hire, retain, or otherwise contract with contractors, subcontractors, remediation firms or companies, insurers, or other third party entities to perform its obligations under Article IV of this Consent Decree. Any such third party shall be provided a copy of this Consent Decree upon entering into such agreement with AR. Retention of any third party by AR shall not relieve AR of responsibility to perform its obligations hereunder.

4.13 **Payment of Riverkeeper Costs Associated with Consent Decree.** Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Consent Decree, AR shall pay Riverkeeper \$100,000 and the Village \$40,000 in reimbursement for attorney fees and expenses related to the modification of this Consent Decree.

ARTICLE V: DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

5.1 **Dismissal With Prejudice of Riverkeeper and Village Claims.** All counts, claims, and allegations that the Riverkeeper and Village asserted, or could have asserted, against AR in the Litigation were dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the 2003 Consent Decree, subject only to the provisions of Section 6.2 of such Consent Decree, which shall remain in effect.

5.2 **Limited Jurisdiction Retained By Court.** The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Decree and to resolve any disputes arising out of this Consent Decree, including, but not limited to, disputes regarding its interpretation, implementation, or the performance or breach of the Parties of their obligations hereunder. The Court may issue all relief necessary, including injunctive relief or specific performance, to give effect to the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree.

ARTICLE VI: ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND

6.1 **Establishment of the Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust Fund.** The Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund") and Trust Agreement established pursuant to Article VIII of the 2003 Consent Decree shall remain in full force and effect for purposes of this Article VI of this Consent Decree. Pursuant to the 2003 Consent Decree, AR previously placed one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) into the Trust Fund. The Parties further agree that a federally chartered bank in the United States shall continue to serve as the Agent to administer the Trust Fund.

6.2 **Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust Fund Priorities.** Funds deposited in the Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust Fund shall be used for the following purposes in order of priority:

(a) To pay all administrative costs and fees incurred by the Trust Agent related to the Trust Agent's performance of its duties and obligations, or exercise of its rights, under the Trust Agreement.

(b) To fund environmental projects that meet the criteria set forth in Section 6.3 below.

Use of trust funds for actions taken pursuant to Sections 6.3(b) shall occur upon designation of such funds for release from the trust account pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 6.5 of this Agreement.

6.3 **Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust Fund Project Criteria.** The use of Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust funds for environmental projects (including post-approval planning for such projects) pursuant to Section 6.2(b) above shall be limited to projects that meet the following criteria:

(a) Any such project must improve public access, use, or enjoyment of the Hudson River or improve the ecology of the Hudson River. Such projects might include, but are not limited to, acquisition and/or improvement of open space, creation of walking or hiking trails along the Hudson, construction of boat launches or ramps, creation of habitat for Hudson River Valley wildlife, the improvement or creation of wetlands, and/or the restoration of indigenous fauna along the Hudson River.

(b) In the use of escrow funds for environmental projects pursuant to Section 6.2(b), priority shall be given to projects meeting the criteria of Section 6.3(a):

(i) First to projects on the Site itself;

(ii) Second to projects within the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson.

(iii) If no such projects described in the preceding subsections are approved within the first two calendar years after the completion of the placement of Acceptable Fill pursuant to Section 4.9(a) of this Consent Decree, then third, projects located outside the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson but along the Hudson River between Yonkers and the Tappan Zee Bridge may be considered; and

(iv) If no such projects described in the preceding subsections are approved within the first three calendar years after the completion of the placement of Acceptable Fill pursuant to Section 4.9(a) of this Consent Decree, then finally, projects located along the Hudson River between the Tappan Zee Bridge and the Bear Mountain Bridge may be considered.

6.4 **Designation of Projects for Funding.** Either the Riverkeeper or the Village may propose a project for funding from the Hastings/Hudson River Environmental Trust Fund pursuant to this Article VI.

(a) To propose a project, the proposing Party shall send written notice of the project to all other Parties and to the Trust Agent. The notice shall outline the nature of the project, describe how the project meets the criteria of this Article VI, establish a request for the total amount of costs to be funded for the project, provide a schedule relating the amount of funds requested to the project's goals, activities, or results, identify those persons or entities who shall perform the project, and contain a timetable for project implementation.

(b) Proposals for funding of projects shall be submitted to all Parties no later than January 1 of each calendar year to be considered for funding in that calendar year. Beginning on January 1 of each calendar year, each Party shall have 60 days to review all proposed projects and to approve or object to each proposed project by sending written notice to the other Parties and the Trust Agent (the "Approval Period"). Any Party that does not respond to a proposal for funding within 60 days shall be deemed to have approved such proposal. Any proposal for funding submitted to all Parties after January 1 of a given calendar year shall be considered for funding beginning January 1 of the following calendar year, unless the Parties agree in writing pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 6.4(d) and (e) to fund the project on an earlier timeframe.

(c) Any such proposed project shall be approved, and the Trust Agent shall be instructed to release funds in accordance with the specifications and needs of the project, upon approval in writing from all Parties.

(d) Any project that has secured the approval of all three parties shall be deemed approved. Any project that has secured the approval of only one Party to this Agreement shall be deemed to have been rejected and shall not be eligible for funding.

(e) If any project secures the approval of two Parties to this Agreement, but not the approval of a third, the Objecting Party shall submit a written statement specifying the reasons for the objections to the Approving Parties within 30 days after the expiration of the Approval Period, to which the Approving Parties may choose to respond in writing, and the Parties shall have 90 days after the submission by the Objecting Party to negotiate, during which they may modify, revise, or change the project in order to reach agreement. If no agreement can be reached, the Parties agree that the project, together with any statements of support or objection shall be deemed approved but that the Objecting Party may appeal its approval to the Court within three months of the submission by the Objecting Party. To appeal successfully, the Objecting Party must prove to the Court that the project (or the elements of the project to which the Objecting Party objects) contravenes the Trust Fund project criteria or priorities established in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 above. Any decision by the Court shall be final and may not be appealed by the Parties.

ARTICLE VII: SITE USE AND MAINTENANCE

7.1 **Deed Restrictions.** Upon completion of the remediation or prior to sale of the Site, whichever is earlier, AR shall place restrictions on the deed to the Site that restrict future use of the Site as set forth in Sections 7.1(a) through 7.1(f).

(a) the height of any buildings remaining on the Site or to be constructed on the Site in the future shall not exceed 65 feet above the finished elevation of the Developable Portion of the Site ([which height the Village may further restrict consistent with applicable law](#)), and all new buildings shall be constructed with a minimum of a 100 foot setback from the current River low tide water line (and 60 feet from the eastern edges of the coves, unless a variance or other local land use approval from this setback has been obtained from the Village. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restriction shall not prohibit community and/or commercial facilities, such as boathouses/boat storage building, public seating area and ancillary facilities (such as a café) for the service of light foods, restrooms and similar services, from being constructed within 60 feet of the coves and/or within the Northwest Corner. The Sloped Shoreline shall constitute part or all of the setback.

(b) New pilings, pillars, or other subterranean support structures shall not be installed (i) through the contact barrier or cover in the Northwest Corner, and this area shall be designated as open space pursuant to Section 7.1(f) below.

(c) Utilities shall be placed through Acceptable Fill, or in appropriately designed utility corridors intended to prevent future utility workers performing maintenance or repair in these specific areas from coming into contact with any remaining contaminated soil.

(d) Wells shall not be installed to make use of groundwater at the Site for drinking, irrigation, or domestic purposes. Wells may be installed for the purposes of monitoring or managing groundwater or other environmental conditions.

(e) Detached single family residential homes shall not be constructed on the Site.

(f) The Company shall designate as open space not to be developed (“Open Space”) and allow public access to the following:

(i) The Northwest Corner, including the “extension” thereof created pursuant to the OU-1 ROD Amendment (constituting approximately 2 acres);

(ii) Approximately 2.5 acres consisting of a strip of land 30 feet in width on average and paralleling the Hudson River for the length of the Site and meeting the following criteria:

(a) The 2.5 acre strip of land shall be located between the elevation LMSL +8 mark of the Sloped Shoreline and a line no further inland than 110 feet from the mean low water mark;

(b) Some or all of the 2.5 acre strip of land may be located within the area designated as the Sloped Shoreline;

(c) The designated 2.5 acres of Open Space shall be substantially flat and shall be suitable for, and intended for, the future construction of a Walkway; and

(d) The final location of the 2.5 acres of Open Space shall be identified in the Remedial Design, subject to the approval of the Village, not to be unreasonably withheld, and any permitting or approvals necessary from other governmental authorities.

(iii) An additional 1.75 acres consistent with the location of Open Space on a development proposal for the Site formally submitted to the Village for its approval.

(g) The Company may designate as Open Space and, once designated, allow public access to, up to an additional 8 acres, at such time as, and conditioned upon the agreement of AR and the Village on, a development plan for the Site. Any such Open Space that may be designated pursuant to this Section 7.1(g) may be donated to a qualified land trust or other tax qualified recipient or to the Village. Such Open Space shall be identified and designated in accordance with future development and shall be subject to any further agreements reached between the Village and AR pursuant to Section 7.4.

7.2 **Village Responsibility for Open Space Maintenance.** The Village shall assume responsibility for the following matters with respect to the Open Space designated pursuant to Section 7.1(f) above: (i) planting vegetation (with the exception of any vegetation required to be planted by AR as part of the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment; (ii) mowing, pruning, trimming and similar upkeep activities associated with all vegetation planted on any Open Space; and (iii) enforcement of the institutional controls (i.e., the deed restrictions) set forth in the Sections 7.1(b) through 7.1(d) above. Nothing herein shall be construed as imposing on the Village any responsibility for maintenance of the bulkhead or cap, including the Sloped Shoreline, required to be installed by the Company in accordance with Sections 4.6, 4.8, 4.9 and 7.3.

7.3 **Bulkhead and Cover Maintenance.** AR shall maintain the bulkheads, the Sloped Shoreline armoring and erosion control, as well as the contact barrier and hydraulic controls described in Section 4.8 and 4.9 above in good and effective condition for a period of one hundred (100) years from completing the construction of the remedy described in Article IV above and shall provide adequate financial assurance for such obligation. Such maintenance shall include, but is not be limited to, testing directly or otherwise measuring the effectiveness of the components of the bulkhead to determine whether any components require repairs or replacement.

(a) AR may elect, at any time after the Effective Date, to fulfill its obligations under this Section 7.3 by establishing a trust, insurance policy, or other financial assurance mechanism to provide for adequate funding for the maintenance of the bulkhead, Sloped Shoreline armoring and erosion control, contact barrier, and hydraulic control, the choice of which shall be at the Company's discretion but consistent with sound and accepted fiscal practices. The existence of any such financial assurance mechanism shall not relieve the Company of its independent obligations under this Section to maintain the bulkhead, Sloped Shoreline armoring and erosion control, contact barrier, and hydraulic controls.

(b) Upon election of a financial assurance mechanism under Section 7.3(a) above, AR shall send prompt written notice to the Village and Riverkeeper of the type, nature, scope, terms, and parties to the financial assurance mechanism selected.

7.4 **Continued Cooperation with Respect to Remediation and Future Site Development.**

(a) The Village and AR shall continue to work in good faith to cooperate on future site remediation and redevelopment. In this regard, the Village shall provide AR with access to any portion of the Site or any river bottom or sediments for which the Village currently has or in the future obtains an ownership interest for the purposes of performing and maintaining the Site remedy or conducting further environmental investigation with respect to upland or sediment conditions. AR shall coordinate with the Village to make sure that further environmental investigation or remediation performed by AR on such property owned, now or in the future, by the Village does not unreasonably interfere with other activities on such property.

(b) For a period of one year after the Effective Date of this Consent Decree, AR and the Village shall meet on a periodic basis and engage in good faith negotiations to explore possible mechanisms for redevelopment of the Site ~~for non-industrial purposes~~. Redevelopment mechanisms to be discussed include, but are not limited to, a possible transfer of certain assets and responsibilities to either the Village or a designee approved by the Village and AR, such as:

- (1) Title to the property;
- (2) A trust fund, insurance policy, or other financial assurance mechanism established under Section 7.3 for maintenance of the bulkhead, the Sloped Shoreline and Site cover, along with primary responsibility for maintaining the bulkhead and Site cover;
- (3) Primary responsibility for enforcing the deed restrictions set forth in Section 7.1, and any other use or institutional restrictions that DEC may require as part of the OU-1 ROD as amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment; and
- (4) Such other responsibilities as the parties may agree to transfer.

In connection with any transfer of some or all of the assets and responsibilities set forth above, the Company and the Village may evaluate reaching an agreement with a mutually acceptable remedial management contractor and an insurance company providing for the performance of a remedy within the scope of the OU-1 ROD and amended by the OU-1 ROD Amendment and insurance coverage for the associated risks of that remedy (the “Risk Contract”). Failure to reach agreement on the terms of the Risk Contract or on the transfer of responsibilities under this paragraph shall not constitute a breach of this Consent Decree nor shall it affect the other terms of this Decree.

7.5 Nothing in this Consent Decree is intended to affect the rights of the owner of the Site, or other designated party, with respect to the installation of docks, piers, walkways or other structures connected to the Shoreline (including the Northern and Southern Coves), including but not limited to the installation of piling and other support structures (except in the Northwest Corner), and extending into the Hudson River to the extent applicable permits or other approvals are obtained from agencies with jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VIII VILLAGE TRUST FUND.

8.1 **Establishment of Village Trust Fund.** In consideration of the numerous design changes between the 2004 OU-1 ROD and the 2012 amendment of that ROD, which include the potential elimination of steel sheet bulkheading and its replacement with a Sloped Shoreline along most of the Hudson River, the “build-out” of the Northwest Corner, the elimination of the slurry wall in the Northwest Corner, the potential use of dredged soil and/or sediments as fill on the Site, and the proposed demolition of Building 52 and the Village desire to restore, if practicable, or re-create the Water Tower, within 90 days after the Effective Date of this Consent Decree, the Village and AR shall execute and deliver to each other a Trust Agreement, establishing an interest bearing trust account for the performance or funding of Village undertakings as set forth in this Article VIII. The trust account shall be referred to as the “Village Trust Fund”. The Parties further agree that a federally chartered bank in the United States shall serve as the Agent to administer the Village Trust Fund pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

8.2 **Initial Payment To Village Trust Fund.** Within 60 days after the execution of the Trust Agreement, AR shall pay into the Village Trust Fund the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000.00) to be used for the restoration of Quarry Park and the creation of a trail linking the Site and Quarry Park.

8.3 **Subsequent Water Tower Matching Fund Payment to Village Trust Fund.** AR shall contribute additional matching funds into the Village Trust Fund for the purposes of (a) refurbishment and reconstruction of the Water Tower if a Water Tower Preservation Plan has been approved or (b) construction of a replica Water Tower on an adequate foundation if no Water Tower Preservation Plan has been approved. The restored or replica Water Tower shall be constructed no earlier than the completion of the placement of Acceptable Fill in Section 4.9(a). In determining AR’s contribution to the Village Trust Fund pursuant to this Paragraph 8.3, AR shall contribute one (1) dollar to the Village Trust Fund for every one (1) dollar the Village

contributes to the Trust Fund and/or that a third party raises and can demonstrate is specifically earmarked and committed to the Water Tower refurbishment and reconstruction, or a replica Water Tower, with AR's total contribution hereunder not to exceed one million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,350,000.00) or 50% of the actual costs of construction of the restored or replica Water Tower, whichever is less. One third of AR's estimated matching funds shall be contributed at the time the Village or a third party enters into a contract to construct the restored or replica Water Tower, one third shall be contributed upon initiation of construction, and the remainder shall be contributed upon completion of the restored or replica Water Tower and submittal of final cost documentation.

8.4 **Subsequent Payment for Historical Legacy Projects.** Within 30 days after the completion of the placement of Acceptable Fill pursuant to Section 4.9(a), AR shall pay into the Village Trust Fund the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used for the preservation of historical documents, photographs, or other materials related to the history of the site and the presentation of that history to the public.

8.4 **Other Trust Fund Projects.** In addition to the specific projects identified in Section 8.2 (or if the Village determines that any specific project cannot be undertaken), the Village may draw upon such Trust Fund for projects or undertaking that, after obtaining concurrence from AR, are otherwise beneficial to the Site and in the public interest. AR shall cooperate with the Village in these undertakings.

ARTICLE IX: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

9.1 **Notice of Breach.** If any Party believes that any other Party is in breach of this Consent Decree, it shall send prompt written notice to the Party believed to be in breach. Such notice shall state with particularity the nature, manner, and substance of the breach. The alleged breaching Party shall thereafter be afforded an opportunity to respond within 20 days of receipt of the notice of breach. Any such response shall be in writing, shall be sent to all Parties, and shall state, with particularity, any objections to or defenses to the notice of breach and/or any plans and timetables for implementation of a cure of the breach. If the allegedly breaching Party does not respond as set forth in this Section 9.1, the Party giving notice may take action pursuant to Section 9.3 below. If the allegedly breaching Party does respond pursuant to this Section 9.1, the Parties agree to follow the procedures set forth in Section 9.2 below before any Party initiates action under Section 9.3 below.

9.2 **Negotiation of the Alleged Breach.** Upon receipt of the written response from the allegedly breaching Party, all Parties shall agree to attempt to resolve the alleged breach by means of informal negotiations between the Parties for a period of up to 30 days. The Parties may extend the negotiating period in writing and by mutual consent if the Parties believe that an extension to negotiations may allow for resolution of the alleged breach. The Parties shall forebear from seeking judicial resolution pursuant to Section 9.3 below during any negotiating period pursuant to this Section 9.2. Such informal negotiations, and any documents exchanged pursuant thereto, shall be subject to Federal Rule of Evidence 408. Further, any documents exchanged pursuant to negotiations under this Section 9.2 shall be treated and held as

confidential by the Parties and shall not be subject to discovery or disclosure to third parties. If the Parties resolve the alleged breach through negotiation, any such resolution shall be memorialized in writing and shall be signed by the Parties and submitted to the Court as a modification to this Consent Decree.

9.3 **Judicial Resolution.** If the allegedly breaching Party does not respond pursuant to Section 9.1 or the Parties are unable to resolve the alleged breach pursuant to Section 9.2, any Party may petition the Court or file any appropriate legal action with the Court to seek to enforce or to seek relief from the Consent Decree. The prevailing Party in any such action shall be entitled to recover its legal fees and costs, as well as consulting fees and costs, incurred in (a) the prosecution or defense of any action filed pursuant to this Section 9.3, and (b) the engagement of good faith negotiations pursuant to Section 9.2 above.

ARTICLE X: FORCE MAJEURE

10.1 **Force Majeure.** Force Majeure, for the purposes of this Agreement, is defined as an event arising from causes entirely beyond the control of any Party or Parties (or their agents, contractors, subcontractors, representatives, or assigns) which could not have been overcome by reasonable due diligence and which delays or prevents the performance of any obligation under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the obligations to perform remedial activities under Article V. Examples of events which may constitute force majeure include the refusal of any federal, state, or local governmental authority to grant a permit or license necessary for the completion of actions required under this Consent Decree, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and other extraordinary weather events, earthquakes and other natural disasters, terrorist attacks, war and other national emergencies. Examples of events that are not force majeure events include, but are not limited to, normal inclement weather, increased costs or expenses, or financial difficulty of any Party.

10.2 **Obligations As a Result of a Force Majeure Event.** If any Party believes a force majeure event has occurred that will delay or prevent the performance of any obligation of that Party under this Agreement, the Party invoking the force majeure event shall (a) take reasonable measures to mitigate the impact of the force majeure event, and (b) send written notice within 15 days after the occurrence of the event to all other Parties. Such written notice shall describe the nature of the force majeure event, the obligations affected by the event, the degree to which such obligations are affected, and the steps taken, if any, to mitigate the impact of the force majeure event on the invoking Party's obligations under this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice, the Parties shall engage in the dispute resolution procedures outlined in Section 9.2 above and, only after exhausting such procedures, may any Party invoke the dispute resolution procedures described in Section 9.3 above.

ARTICLE XI: FURTHER ASSURANCES AND NOTICE

11.1 **Further Assurances.** The Parties further agree to perform such acts and to prepare, execute, and file all documents or stipulations reasonably required to perform the covenants set

forth in this Consent Decree, to satisfy the conditions contained herein, or to give full force and effect to this Consent Decree.

11.2 **Notice.** Any notices or other documents required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Consent Decree shall be deemed delivered (i) when received, if personally delivered, (ii) upon receipt of a telecopy, or (iii) one (1) business day after delivery thereof to a nationally recognized overnight delivery service which provides receipt of service (other than an overnight delivery service offered by the United States Postal Service), addressed to the Parties as follows:

If to Riverkeeper:

Director, Hudson River Program
Riverkeeper, Inc.
20 Secor Road
Ossining, NY 10562

and

Supervising Attorney.
Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic, Inc.
78 North Broadway
White Plains, NY 10603
FAX: (914) 422-4437

If to the Village:

Mayor
7 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Village Manager
7 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

and -

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Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C.
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Notwithstanding the limitations on modification to this Agreement set forth in Section 12.1, any Party may change the person who is to receive notice on its behalf by sending written notice of such change to all other Parties.

ARTICLE XII: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.1 **Modification of the Consent Decree.** This 2015 Modification to the 2003 Consent Decree may be modified only in writing and only by mutual consent of all the Parties and approval of the Court. Any modification shall be filed with the Court.

12.2 **Successors and Assigns.** This 2015 Modification to the 2003 Consent Decree shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates of each Party. No assignment or delegation of the obligations or rights hereunder will release the assigning Party from its obligations under this Agreement. Without prior consent of

the Village or Riverkeeper, and without prior approval of the Court, AR may hire, retain, or contract with contractors, subcontractors, insurers, environmental remediation firms, or other entities or third parties to perform its obligations under this 2015 Modification to the Consent Decree.

12.3 **Third Party Beneficiaries.** Other than those successors, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates of the Parties hereto (and as set forth in Section 12.2), this 2015 Modification to the 2003 Consent Decree is not intended for the benefit of any third party and shall not be enforceable by any third party.

12.4 **Governing Law.** This 2015 Modification to the 2003 Consent Decree shall be interpreted and enforced under the laws of New York by a federal court for the Southern District of New York. Any action pertaining to this Decree shall be commenced and prosecuted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

12.5 **Construction.** This 2015 Modification to the 2003 Consent Decree shall not be construed or resolved against any Party by reason of any conclusion that this Decree has been drafted by that Party. The 2015 Modification to the 2003 Consent Decree is the result of review, negotiation, and compromise by each Party.

12.6 **Authority to Enter Into Agreement.** Each person signing this 2015 Modifications to the Consent Decree represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized to execute said agreements by the Party on whose behalf it is indicated that the person is signing.

For Atlantic Richfield Company

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

For Riverkeeper, Inc.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

For the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____