

Timeline

1972 Scientists begin raising questions about adverse environmental and human health effects of PCBs
1979 PCBs are banned from production and use in the United States.
1978: International Agency for Research on Cancer calls PCBs a possible carcinogen
1991 GE launches campaign to oppose dredging as EPA reconsiders 1984 decision
2014 GE says 70 percent of the cleanup is completed

Year	Event
1947 to 1952	GE opened two capacitor plants in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls
1968	Scientists begin raising questions about adverse environmental and human health effects of PCBs
1976	GE commissions study of its workers to learn if they have suffered health effects from PCBs. The state bans all fishing on the upper Hudson River
1984	EPA lists Hudson River as a national Superfund site but recommends no action on dredging
2002	EPA recommends dredging by GE of upper Hudson River. GE agrees to the cleanup. 2009: Dredging begins. Five municipal agencies sue GE for contamination of water supplies