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2007 Dirty Dozen Award Winners

- Entergy Nuclear Corp. for radioactive leaks at the Indian Point nuclear power plant, Buchanan. Contact: Tim Judson, Citizens Awareness Network, (315) 425-0430, <tim@nukebusters.org>

How long must we wait for the closure of Indian Point? Radioactive leaks into the ground water, no accepted regional evacuation plan, no long-term storage facility for the plant's waste—you'd think this was enough to close the plant....

- Food Industry Alliance for sponsorship of the phony "New Yorkers for Real Recycling Reform" to oppose the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, Albany. Contact: Laura Haight/Collin Thomas, NYPIRG, (518) 436-0876, <lhaight@nypirg.org>

Just when NYS most needs an updated Bottle Bill, this trade association attempts to fool the public.

- USEPA Headquarters and Region 2 for failure to conduct adequate testing and clean-up of buildings near Ground Zero, NYC. Contact: Kimberly Flynn, 9/11 Environmental Action and WTC Community-Labor Coalition, (917) 647-7074, flynnktm@aol.com

By now we all know the truth: the EPA let us down in the aftermath of 9/11....

- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Natural Resources, for failure to adequately fund the toxicological testing program of the Wildlife Pathology Laboratory, Albany. Contact: Ellen Connett, Fluoride Action Network Pesticides Project, (315) 379-9200, <pesticides@fluoridealert.org>

New Yorkers do not know enough about what's killing their wildlife, and thus about possible threats to their own health. Ignorance is not bliss....

- Lower Manhattan Development Corp. for inadequate clean-up plan for the Deutsche Bank building at Ground Zero prior to demolition. Contact: Joel Kupferman, NY Environmental Law and Justice Project, (212) 334-5551, <envjoel@ix.netcom.com>

Over five years after 9/11, and the LMDC puts forth a potentially dangerous demolition plan for the former Deutsche Bank building.

- NYC Department of Sanitation for failure to adequately prevent waste, reuse, recycle, and compost, NYC. Contact: Barbara Warren, Staten Island Citizens for Clean Air, (845) 754-7951, <warrenba@msn.com>

Despite all the exciting possibilities for moving towards a zero waste economy in NYC, the Department of Sanitation would rather bury than recycle your waste.

- City of Albany for proposed expansion of Rapp Rd. landfill into the Pine Bush. Contact: Lynn Jackson, Save the Pine Bush,

Addicted to the revenues from its landfill, the City appears incapable of instituting a solid waste policy for the 21st century.

- NYS Agriculture & Markets for preventing localities from regulating factory farms/concentrated animal feeding operations in NYS

At a time when the small family farm is under threat across the state, the answer is NOT to preempt local control of CAFOs.

- EPA Region 2 for failure to protect and remediate toxic pollution in Onondaga Lake. Contact: Joyce King, Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force, (518) 358-3381, <joyceking@westelcom.com>

Decades after the poisoning of the Lake, the EPA still cannot manage to get it cleaned-up.

- CWM Services, LLC for PCB leaks from its hazardous waste landfill, Niagara County. Contact: Amy Witryol, Niagara-Health Science Report, (716) 754-1434, amyville@adelphia.net

The one-and-only operating hazardous waste landfill in the state survives only through the importation of toxic waste from out-of-state, and out of the country....

- General Electric Co. for failure to fully remediate the Dewey Loeffel landfill, Town of Nassau. Contact: Kelly Travers-Main, UNCAGED, (518) 732-0334, <ktm@berk.cm>

Rensselaer County residents have waited too long for GE to do the right thing....

- J.J. Lyons and Associates for failure to pay fines and failure to adequately remediate a former defense contractor site at 1440 Story Avenue, Bronx. Contact: Mary McKinney, The Concerned Residents Organization, (718) 842-7487, <cro880@yahoo.com>

Bringing former defense contractor sites back on the tax rolls is a good idea; but first we need them cleaned-up.