

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 3, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As the federal representatives for the Town of LeRoy, New York, we write on behalf of the town government in support of their request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to immediately complete a public assessment of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Derailment federal superfund site, and to promptly remediate any threats to environmental and community health that may be identified as part of this analysis.

As you are aware, the Town is dealing with a mysterious illness that has afflicted a number of students at the Leroy High School, which has caused considerable concern in the community. State health authorities (DOH), and their federal counterparts, like the NIH, have taken important steps regarding health assessment, treatment and some testing of air and water quality. However, the town would like assistance from the EPA.

We appreciate your commitment to test and remove the storage barrels on site. Having them disposed of is an important step in the remediation process.

As the site is monitored on a quarterly basis, we are calling on your agency to release the data from December's tests to the public. This, in conjunction with the tests to be done in February, will help answer many of the questions the community has regarding the safety of the site.

Our top priority is to safeguard the health and safety of the community of LeRoy and thus we strongly urge the EPA to take immediate action in response to the Town's requests.

Sincerely,



Kathleen C. Hochul  
Member of Congress

Charles E. Schumer  
Member of Congress

Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
Member of Congress