

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Town of Esopus, Town of Hyde Park, Town of Lloyd, City of Poughkeepsie, Town of Poughkeepsie, Town of Rhinebeck, Village of Rhinebeck

July 11, 2023

JD Lavallee
Staff Attorney
First Coast Guard District
408 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, MA 02110

RE: Regulated Navigation Area (RNA) process

Dear Mr. Lavallee,

The Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council (Hudson 7) formed in 2018 to focus attention on the protection of the Hudson River as the source of drinking water for the communities we represent: The City and Town of Poughkeepsie, the Village and Town of Rhinebeck and the Towns of Esopus, Hyde Park and Lloyd. Over 106,000 people are served by the public water systems that draw from the Hudson River, as are our region's hospitals, several colleges, business districts and major employers. Via the Central Dutchess Water Transmission Line, Hudson River water treated at Poughkeepsie also flows to the Town of East Fishkill, where it supplies major regional employers.

We appreciate the presentation given by Commander Dan McQuate to the Council on June 15, where we learned that we may request a designation of a regulated navigation area (RNA) from the Coast Guard. We would like to ask for your help in defining that process before our next meeting on July 20 so that we can discuss further.

Sincerely,



Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Chairman, Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

cc: Heather Gerloff, NYSDEC
Greg Hitchen, Sector NY USCG
Commander Dan McQuate, Sector NY USCG