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Plant work put sewage in Hudson

During the current $100 million expansion and upgrading of Westchester County's Sewage Treatment Plant near Ludlow Street, "some raw sewage had to be unavoidably discharged into the Hudson River," according to Richard Schulz, deputy commissioner of the county's environmental facilities.

"We are not now discharging any raw sewage into the river," said Schulz who explained that both the federal and state environmental protection agencies and the County Health Department had been notified of the discharge.

Work at this facility should be completed by early 1977, according to Schulz.

The dumping into the river had been reported by the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, Yonkers Chapter.

The members of the HRFA expect to join the Sloop Clearwater supporters battling to clean up the waters of the Hudson River on its scheduled train ride Sunday from New York City to Albany.

Those riding this special Amtrak train will learn about the natural history of the Hudson River hear Lorre Wyatt and Pete Seeger sing and will be given a report on the PCB chemical problems in the river by John Harris-Cronin, Clearwater's environmental action coordinator.

Due to the discharge of PCBs into the Hudson River by General Electric Plants upstate, virtually all fishing has been banned in the river.

Those wishing to participate in the ride to Albany may call 454-7553 for reservations. The round-trip fare is $15.50. Yonkers residents may join the train at Croton-on-the Hudson.

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