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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer Corporate Environmental Programs General Electric Company 159 Plastics Avenue Pittsfield, MA 01201

Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: EPA Approval of General Electric's August 2006 revised *Pilot Study Work Plan for*

Silver Lake Sediments, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter constitutes the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Approval, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), of the *Pilot Study Work Plan for Silver Lake Sediments* (Work Plan) revised August 2006. The Report is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Please keep me informed regarding the weekly schedule for implementation of the Pilot Study so that EPA can provide timely oversight.

Sincerely,

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