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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: EPA Approval of General Electric's May 2006 *Bench-Scale Study Report for Silver Lake Sediments*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silber:

This letter constitutes the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Approval of the *Bench-Scale Study Report for Silver Lake Sediments* (Report) resubmittal dated May 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.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), EPA has determined that GE has adequately addressed all of the Agencies' comments provided in EPA's Conditional Approval letter dated May 2, 2006 in GE's May, 2006 resubmittal of the Bench-Scale Report.

I look forward to discussing your plans for the Pilot Study. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1434.

Sincerely,

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