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Sent via US Mail and Electronic Mail

RE: EPA's Conditional Approval of the Proposed Sampling Plan Related to Stained Materials in Silver Lake Bank Soils Adjacent to Sediment Pilot Study Area

Dear Mr. Silfer:

EPA has completed its review of GE's letter entitled "*Proposed Sampling Plan Related to Stained Materials in Silver Lake Bank Soils Adjacent to Sediment Pilot Study Area*" (hereinafter Proposal) submitted May 10, 2007.

With respect to any other workplans or other submittals related to Silver Lake or Silver Lake Bank Soils, nothing in this conditional approval shall be interpreted to supersede the approval, the conditions in a conditional approval, or the disapproval of such GE submittals, unless expressly stated as such by EPA. EPA reserves all its review and compliance rights under the Consent Decree regarding such GE submittals.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), conditionally approves the Proposal subject to the following condition.

GE shall advance the initial three borings to a minimum of 3 feet below the water table. If stained materials are encountered, GE shall, after consultation with and approval from

EPA, advance the borings further if deemed prudent to delineate the vertical extent of the stained material. If the additional borings are necessary, GE shall, after consultation with and approval from EPA, advance the additional borings to a depth to be determined based upon the information gathered from the initial borings and observations of stained materials as the additional borings are advanced.

It is EPA's preference for the borings to proceed after removal of the Silver Lake Pilot Study monitoring trailer, and it is EPA's understanding that given the current schedule, this should be possible.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Sincerely,



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