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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer  
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 100 Woodlawn Avenue  
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's (GE) Revised Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for the Silver Lake Area, GE Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the "Revised Pre-Design Investigation Workplan for the Silver Lake Area" (RPDIWP) which was dated January 17, 2003. The RPDIWP 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 (MDEP), approves the above-referenced submittal subject to the following condition:

Condition:

1. GE shall include the performance of the sequential batch leach tests (SBLTs) as modified in Section 4.3.1.2.2 of the revised PDIWP and, as requested in EPA's November 21, 2002 letter comment number 8. GE shall also include the Standard Operating Procedure for SBLTs in Attachment B.

GE shall address the above condition in the PDI Report for sediments which will be submitted to the EPA within 12 months of the date of this letter. For soils, GE shall submit a report on the investigations performed, per Section 5 of the RPDIWP, within 8 months of the date of this letter.

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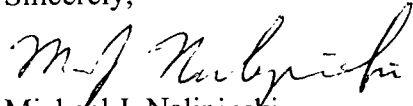
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The EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to the PDIWP and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the CD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1268.

Sincerely,



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