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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

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Re: Comments on General Electric's March 2004 submittal "Proposal for Additional Soil Investigations - 30s Complex," GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) conditional approval of the demolition and disposal activities described in the above-referenced "Proposal for Additional Soil Investigations - 30s Complex," (Proposal). The Proposal 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 conditions presented in this letter.

Conditions

1. EPA's review of the proposed PCB grid sampling revealed an additional PCB sampling location is necessary at grid node H8 on the western side of the 30s RAA. GE shall collect PCB samples at the 0-1 foot and 1-6 foot increments at this location.
2. GE shall move the 1- to 6-foot Appendix IX+3 sample currently proposed at location RAA2-H2 to RAA2-H1 southwest of the former Power Plant.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to the Proposal for Additional Soil Investigations at the 30s Complex and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

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

Sincerely,

Michael J. Nalipinski
GE Facility Project Manager

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