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

Re: Comments on General Electric's 10 March 2003 letter regarding "Characterization of Building 33/34 Area Building Materials," GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) conditional approval of General Electric's 10 March 2003 letter regarding "Characterization of Building 33/34 Area Building Materials" (Letter Report). The Letter 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 (MDEP), approves the above-referenced submittal subject to the conditions presented in this letter.

Conditions

1. The Building 33/34 demolition material must be processed (that is, ground to pieces not to exceed three (3) inches in diameter) prior to use as backfill in the area of the Building 33/34 Complex.
2. All unprocessed demolition material must be disposed of by GE at the On-Plant Consolidation Areas in accordance with the specifications of the CD, a location within the GE Plant Site proposed by GE and approved by EPA, and/or at an appropriate off-site solid waste facility.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the Building 33/34 area 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,

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