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September 29, 2005

Mr. Andrew T. Silfer, P.E.
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RE: EPA Approval of, and Certificate of Completion for, General Electric's submittal entitled "*Final Completion Report for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action*," dated September 2005, at the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Silfer:

By cover letter dated September 27, 2005, the General Electric Company ("GE") submitted the above-referenced document (the "East Street Area 1-North Final Completion Report") to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") pursuant to Paragraph 88.a of the Consent Decree for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, which was entered by the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts on October 27, 2000 ("Consent Decree"). Future annual inspection requirements are included in Section 6 of this document.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73(a) of the Consent Decree, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, hereby approves the East Street Area 1-North Final Completion Report. According to Paragraph 88.b. of the Consent Decree, and based upon the East Street Area 1-North Final Completion Report, EPA hereby encloses a Certificate of Completion for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me or Jim DiLorenzo at (617) 918-1247.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean / by John W. Ku".

Dean Tagliaferro
GE Team Leader

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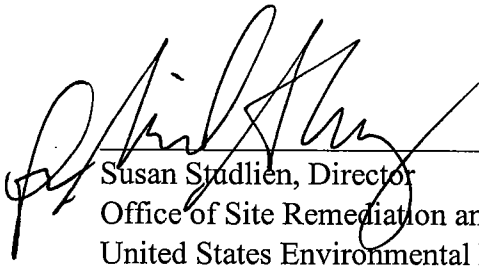
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
FOR THE EAST STREET AREA 1-NORTH REMOVAL ACTION
PERFORMED BY THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
AT THE GE-PITTSFIELD/HOUSATONIC RIVER SITE
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Pursuant to Paragraph 88.b of the Consent Decree for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, which was entered by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on October 27, 2000 (the "Consent Decree"), the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby certifies, based upon the *Final Completion Report for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action*, submitted by the General Electric Company, dated September, 2005, that the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action (as described in Appendix E to the Consent Decree), excluding obligations regarding future inspections and Conditional Solutions under the Consent Decree, has been performed in accordance with the Consent Decree and that the Performance Standards for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action have been achieved. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the Final Completion Report and concurs with EPA that the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action, excluding obligations regarding future inspections and Conditional Solutions under the Consent Decree, has been performed in accordance with the Consent Decree and that the Performance Standards for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action have been achieved.

This certificate constitutes the Certificate of Completion for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action for purposes of the Consent Decree. This Certificate of Completion shall not discharge, limit, or affect any of the General Electric Company's remaining obligations under the Consent Decree, including without limitation, obligations regarding future inspections, Conditional Solutions, building demolition, and groundwater. In addition, this Certificate of Completion does not alter any rights reserved by the United States under the Consent Decree. This certification shall constitute a finding by EPA that the work performed by the General Electric Company, as described in the above-referenced completion report, was consistent with the National Contingency Plan.



Susan Studlien, Director
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region I

9-30-05
Date