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Department of Environmental Protection
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**Re: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site
East Street Area 1-North (GECD130)
Summary of 2007 Conditional Solution Inspection Activities**

Dear Mr. Tagliaferro and Ms. Steenstrup:

On November 28, 2007, the General Electric Company (GE) completed the required annual review and inspection of properties located within the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action Area (RAA) at which Conditional Solutions have been implemented under the Consent Decree (CD) for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site. A Conditional Solution has been implemented for Parcel K10-14-1 and a portion of Parcel K11-1-15. The 2007 inspection was conducted in accordance with Paragraphs 36 and 38 and Appendix Q of the CD and GE's *Final Completion Report for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action* (Final Completion Report; September 2005).

As part of these activities, GE reviewed the most recent property records from the Pittsfield Tax Assessor's Office, as well as the deed records at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds and determined there has not been a change in ownership of any of the parcels subject to a Conditional Solution. In addition, GE reviewed the Revised Conceptual Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan (January 6, 2004), which describes the Conditional Solution, as well as Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report, which depicts the most current site features and topography.

GE also conducted a visual site inspection of each property (to the extent possible given access limitations) to evaluate whether any of the following have occurred since implementation of the Conditional Solutions:

- 1) Any change in activities or uses of the property that would be potentially inconsistent with commercial/industrial land use, which is the land use for which the Conditional Solution was implemented at both properties;
- 2) Installation of a new utility or repair or replacement of an existing utility that involved disturbance of soil;

- 3) Any excavations, construction, or other activities or conditions that resulted in the disturbance of ten (10) cubic yards of soil or greater, regardless of depth; and
- 4) If any of the activities described in # 2 or # 3 above are noted, any reduction of the surface grade, compared to that shown in Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report.

The results of the November 2007 inspection were documented in an Annual Inspection Checklist for each property. Copies of the completed forms are attached. As documented in these forms, the property record reviews indicated that there has been no change in ownership of these properties. The November 2007 visual inspection identified that a small portion of Building 69 was demolished and the ground in and around that area has been disturbed. The approximate area that was demolished is shown on the attached Figure 1. No other activities or conditions listed above were observed at these properties since the implementation of the Conditional Solutions.

In accordance with the Final Completion Report, these properties will be inspected annually. Following each inspection, an inspection report will be prepared and submitted to EPA and MDEP.

Please call me if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely

Richard Gates/EGB

Richard Gates
Remediation Project Manager

Attachments

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 Andrew Silber, GE*
 Peter Wojcik, GE*
 James Nuss, ARCADIS BBL
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 Property Owner – Parcel K10-14-1
 Larry Dixon, CSX Transportation, Inc.
 Public Information Repositories
 GE Internal Repository

** cover letter only*

CONDITIONAL SOLUTION ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST FOR EAST STREET AREA 1-NORTH

PARCEL NUMBER K11-1-15 (portion)

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Conducted By: Jill Piskorz, ARCADIS BBL
Representing: GE

Phone Number: 315-671-9377
Review Start Date: 11/13/2007

1. Check here to confirm that the description of the Conditional Solution for this property in the Revised Conceptual Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan, Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report (or, if available, a more current drawing of the surface grade of the property), and any subsequent work plan(s) approved and implemented pursuant to Paragraph 35 of the Consent Decree have been reviewed.

2. Check here to confirm that the most recent property records from the Pittsfield Tax Assessor's Office for this property have been reviewed.

3. Has there been a change in ownership of this property?
 No
 Yes - If yes, list the new owner's name and mailing address below and indicate whether a notice of the Conditional Solution has been or will be sent to the new owner.

4. Review Completed Date: 11/13/2007

VISUAL SITE INSPECTION

Conducted By: Greg Rabasco, ARCADIS BBL
Representing: GE

Phone Number: (413) 822-1184
Inspection Start Date: 11/28/2007

1. List other individuals and their company/agency that were present during the visual site inspection.
None

2. Is there any visual evidence of changes in activities and uses of the property since the last inspection that are potentially inconsistent with the land use for which the Conditional Solution was implemented (i.e., commercial/industrial use)?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below.

3. Is there any visual evidence of installation of a new utility or repair or replacement of an existing utility that involved disturbance of soil within the property since the last inspection?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

CONDITIONAL SOLUTION ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST FOR EAST STREET AREA 1-NORTH

4. Is there any visual evidence of excavations, construction, or other activities or conditions that resulted in the disturbance of 10 cubic yards of soil or greater, regardless of depth, within the property?

No

Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

5. If any of the conditions listed in the responses to Questions 3 and 4 appears to have altered the surface grade of the property compared to the surface grade shown on Figure 3 included in the Final Completion Report or the most current drawing of such grade (if available), identify the approximate area/location of such grade change on a plan.

6. Inspection Completed Date: 11/28/2007

CONDITIONAL SOLUTION ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST FOR EAST STREET AREA 1-NORTH

PARCEL NUMBER K10-14-1

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Conducted By: Jill Piskorz, ARCADIS BBL
Representing: GE

Phone Number: 315-671-9377
Review Start Date: 11/13/2007

1. Check here to confirm that the description of the Conditional Solution for this property in the Revised Conceptual Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan, Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report (or, if available, a more current drawing of the surface grade of the property), and any subsequent work plan(s) approved and implemented pursuant to Paragraph 35 of the Consent Decree have been reviewed.

2. Check here to confirm that the most recent property records from the Pittsfield Tax Assessor's Office for this property have been reviewed.

3. Has there been a change in ownership of this property?
 No
 Yes - If yes, list the new owner's name and mailing address below and indicate whether a notice of the Conditional Solution has been or will be sent to the new owner.

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1. List other individuals and their company/agency that were present during the visual site inspection.
None

2. Is there any visual evidence of changes in activities and uses of the property since the last inspection that are potentially inconsistent with the land use for which the Conditional Solution was implemented (i.e., commercial/industrial use)?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below.

3. Is there any visual evidence of installation of a new utility or repair or replacement of an existing utility that involved disturbance of soil within the property since the last inspection?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

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4. Is there any visual evidence of excavations, construction, or other activities or conditions that resulted in the disturbance of 10 cubic yards of soil or greater, regardless of depth, within the property?

No

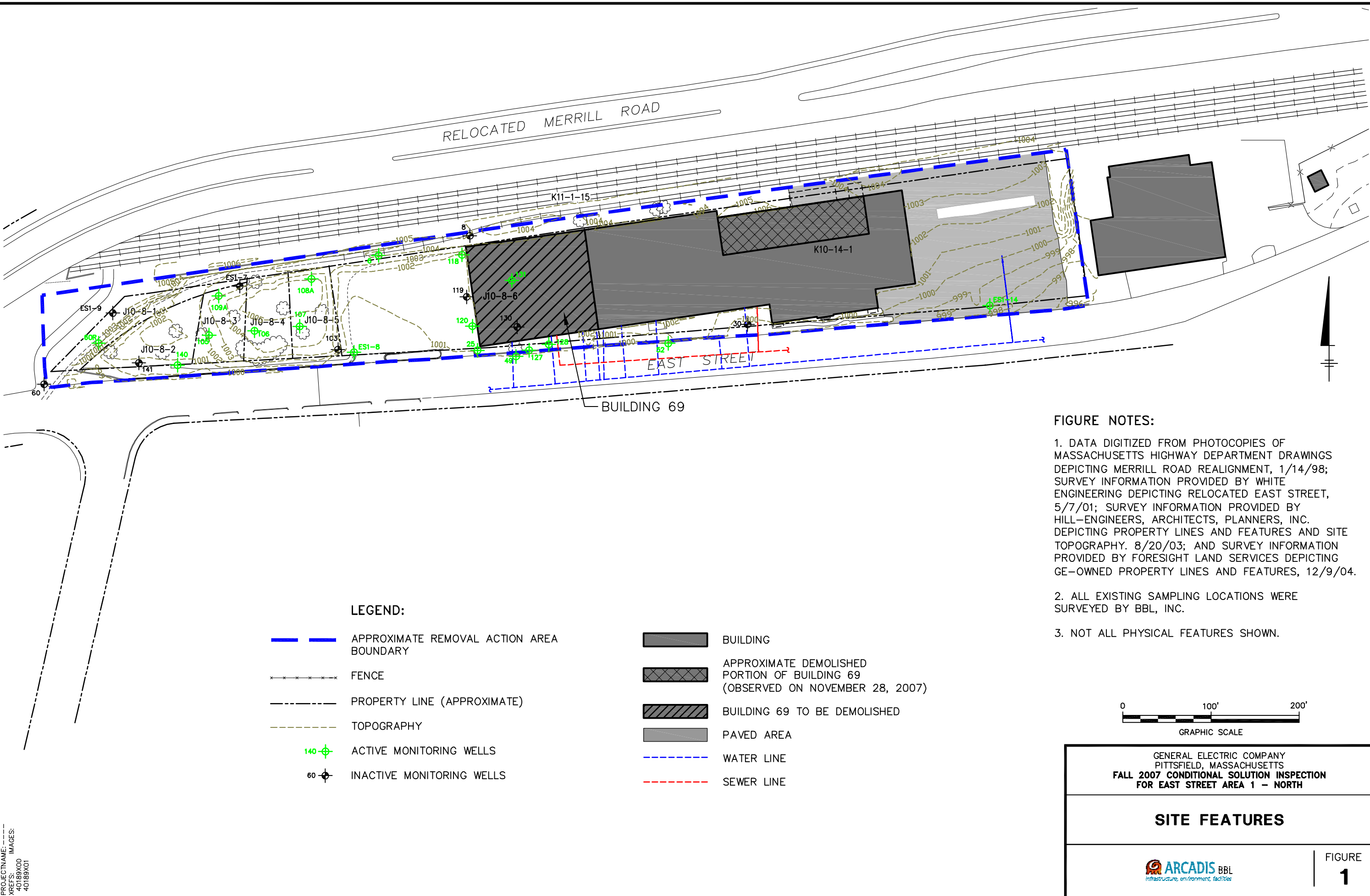
Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

An area of Building 69 was demolished which caused the ground in and around this area to be disturbed. The approximate area that was demolished is shown on the attached figure.

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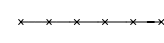

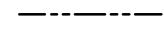







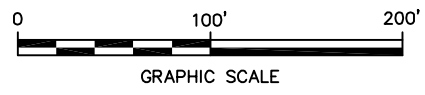
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|  | APPROXIMATE REMOVAL ACTION AREA BOUNDARY |  | BUILDING |
|  | FENCE |  | APPROXIMATE DEMOLISHED PORTION OF BUILDING 69 (OBSERVED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2007) |
|  | PROPERTY LINE (APPROXIMATE) |  | BUILDING 69 TO BE DEMOLISHED |
|  | TOPOGRAPHY |  | PAVED AREA |
|  | ACTIVE MONITORING WELLS |  | WATER LINE |
|  | INACTIVE MONITORING WELLS |  | SEWER LINE |


FIGURE NOTES:

1. DATA DIGITIZED FROM PHOTOCOPIES OF MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DRAWINGS DEPICTING MERRILL ROAD REALIGNMENT, 1/14/98; SURVEY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY WHITE ENGINEERING DEPICTING RELOCATED EAST STREET, 5/7/01; SURVEY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HILL-ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, PLANNERS, INC. DEPICTING PROPERTY LINES AND FEATURES AND SITE TOPOGRAPHY. 8/20/03; AND SURVEY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FORESIGHT LAND SERVICES DEPICTING GE-OWNED PROPERTY LINES AND FEATURES, 12/9/04.
2. ALL EXISTING SAMPLING LOCATIONS WERE SURVEYED BY BBL, INC.
3. NOT ALL PHYSICAL FEATURES SHOWN.



GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
 PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
**FALL 2007 CONDITIONAL SOLUTION INSPECTION
 FOR EAST STREET AREA 1 - NORTH**

SITE FEATURES


FIGURE
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