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

Re: Comments on General Electric's September 2002 *East Street Area 1-North, Addendum to Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*, General Electric/Housatonic River Project Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the pre-design investigation activities for the above-referenced *East Street Area 1-North Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*, (Addendum). The PDIWP 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) and discussions with General Electric (GE) personnel, approves the above-referenced submittal.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to PDIWP 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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