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Mr. John F. Novotny  
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's September 22, 2005 *Demolition and Disposition Activities – Buildings 1, 2, 3, 3B, 15, 15A, 15B and 15W* letter, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Novotny:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's September 22, 2005 letter summarizing demolition and disposition activities related to Buildings 1, 2, 3, 3B, 15, 15A, 15B and 15W. This letter 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.

On October 24, 2005, EPA granted verbal approval to GE for demolition and disposition activities related to the above-grade portions of Buildings 15, 15A, 15B, and 15W. On November 21, 2005, EPA granted verbal approval to GE for demolition and disposition activities related the above-grade portions of Buildings 1, 2, 3, and 3B.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the September 22, 2005 letter, subject to the following condition:

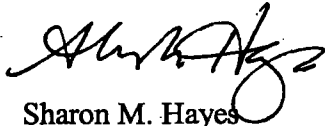
1. GE shall submit a plan for EPA's approval regarding the characterization and disposition of the concrete slabs of Buildings 1, 2, 3, 3B, 15, 15A, 15B, and 15W. GE shall submit the plan at the earlier of (i) 30 days after GE receives notice of the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority's ("PEDA") foundation requirements for the East Street Area 2-North Removal Action Area or (ii) December 29, 2006. Such submittal shall describe GE's plan for the characterization and disposition of the slabs. If any slabs are to be removed, GE shall provide details regarding the characterization of the slabs for disposition. If any slabs are to remain in place, GE shall provide a plan to ensure that the slabs are protective of human health and the environment. If the plan for any slab is

unknown or if any slab will remain unused, GE shall submit a proposal for the installation and maintenance of appropriate engineering controls to limit direct contact and groundwater leaching risks (for example, cover with asphalt).

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling 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) 918-1328.

Sincerely,



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