



**United States Environmental Protection Agency
One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (HBO)
Boston, MA 02114-2023**

January 8, 2008

Mr. Richard W. Gates, Remediation Project Manager
Corporate Environmental Programs
General Electric Company
159 Plastics Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's January 2, 2008 submittal titled *East Street Area 2-North Removal Action Area Revised Supplemental Information Package*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced *East Street Area 2-North Removal Action Area Revised Supplemental Information Package* (the "Revised SIP") dated January 2, 2008. The Revised SIP 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.

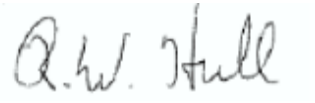
Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the above-referenced submittal.

Please note that pursuant to the conditions of EPA's August 20, 2007, Conditional Approval of GE's Final Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan Addendum for East Street Area 2-North, GE is required to conduct pavement repair and replacement activities either prior to the initiation of, during, or within 30 days of the conclusion of the soil excavation and removal activities at East Street Area 2-North. Based on the project schedule submitted along with the Revised SIP, 30 days following the conclusion of soil removal activities would be June 9, 2008. This requirement does not apply to those areas of pavement that potentially could be impacted or damaged by activities associated with the demolition of buildings 7, 17, 17-C, 19, 11, and 16, which shall be repaired and paved within 30 days of the conclusion of the demolition activities.

EPA reserves all of its rights under the CD, including but not limited to, the right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the CD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.W. Hull". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Richard W. Hull
GE Facility Project Manager

cc:

Dean Tagliaferro, EPA

John Kilborn, EPA

Holly Inglis, EPA

Rose Howell, EPA

Anna Symington, MDEP

Thomas Angus, MDEP

Sue Steenstrup, MDEP

Jane Rothchild, MDEP

Dale Young, MA EOE

Nancy E. Harper, MA AG

Mayor James Ruberto, City of Pittsfield

Public Information Repository (Berkshire Athenaeum)

Tom Hickey, PEDA

Pittsfield Department of Health

Andrew Silber, GE

Mike Carroll, GE

Rod McLaren, GE

Jeffrey Bernstein, BCK Law

James Bieke, Goodwin Procter LLP

Laurence Kirsch, Goodwin Procter LLP

James Nuss, ARCADIS BBL

Linda Palmieri, Weston Solutions

K.C. Mitkevicius, USACE