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

Re: Comments on General Electric's (GE) 25 April 2003 submittal *Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for the East Street Area 2-North Removal Action*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced *Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for the East Street Area 2-North Removal Action* (Work Plan). The East Street Area 2-North Removal Action Area (RAA) is also referred to as RAA 5 in project documents. This Work Plan 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 subject to the following conditions,

Conditions

1. The irregular shape of the East Street Area 2-North site and the grid-based sampling lead to gaps in the general sample distribution along the southern boundary of the site. Three of these gaps are located between areas where elevated concentrations of PCBs have previously been detected. The areas are also located along the southern, downgradient boundary of the site, in the vicinity of former solid waste management units. For this reason, GE shall add the following soil boring locations to the pre-design investigation and analyze the samples for PCBs from the appropriate depth intervals: RAA5-J10, RAA5-K13, and RAA5-K19.
2. In addition to the above-mentioned PCB samples, GE shall collect a sample for Appendix IX+ 3 analyses (excepting pesticide and herbicide analyses) from soil boring location RAA5-J10 from the 6- to 15-ft depth interval.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in RAA 5 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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