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June 5, 2006

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

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's May 11, 2006 *Hill 78 Area – Remainder Supplemental Sampling Proposal*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's May 11, 2006 *Hill 78 Area – Remainder Supplemental Sampling Proposal* (the Proposal). 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.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the May 11, 2006 Proposal, subject to the following condition:

1. GE shall collect one additional soil sample, from RAA9-C10 (6-15 foot interval), for analysis for Appendix IX+3 constituents.

EPA reserves its 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) 918-1328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon M. Hayes".

Sharon M. Hayes
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