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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's September 18, 2006 *Hill 78 Area – Remainder Supplemental Data Letter*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silber:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's September 18, 2006 *Hill 78 Area – Remainder Supplemental Data Letter* (the "Letter"). 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 September 18, 2006 Letter, subject to the following conditions:

1. In order to better characterize the extent of PCBs toward and beyond the currently proposed RAA boundary, GE shall identify two additional soil sampling locations located between Old Merrill Road and soil sample locations RAA9-X2 and RAA9-X3. Upon approval of the additional locations by EPA in the field, GE shall collect samples from these two additional locations, as well as from proposed sampling locations RAA9-X5, RAA9-X6 and RAA9-X7, all at the 0-1 foot and 1-6 foot depth intervals. The samples from the two new locations and proposed location RAA9-X7 shall be analyzed for PCBs, while the samples from RAA9-X5 and RAA9-X6 shall be held for PCB analysis, pending the results of the first two samples. The identification of the additional sampling locations and collection of the samples shall take into account topographic coverage and historical sampling data.
2. GE shall include ownership information, historical data, current and future land use information and any other relevant information on the additional parcel(s) to be sampled in the Second Supplemental Data Letter.

3. Along with the other locations and depth intervals that were identified by GE for resampling, GE shall resample for PCBs at the 6- to 15-foot depth interval at sample location B12.
4. GE shall incorporate any additional data collected within the Hill 78-Remainder RAA as part of the sewer relocation project into the Hill 78 Remainder Conceptual RD/RA.
5. GE shall expand the RAA boundary generally along the northerly boundary of the RAA to match the boundary prescribed in the CD and shall submit a supplemental sampling plan that proposes additional sampling necessary to meet the sampling requirements of the Consent Decree.

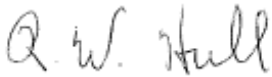
GE shall conduct the sampling described in the Letter and described above in paragraphs 1 and 3, and shall provide the information required by paragraph 2 in a Second Supplemental Data Letter, which shall be submitted within 75 days of the date of this Conditional Approval Letter.

GE shall submit the supplemental sampling plan and figure with a revised RAA boundary as described in paragraph 5 for EPA approval within 45 days of the date of this Conditional Approval Letter.

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) 918-1882.

Sincerely,



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