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Mr. Richard W. Gates, Remediation Project Manager
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's June 26, 2007, submittal titled *Hill 78 Area Remainder Proposed Additional Sampling Location*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of GE's June 26, 2007, submittal titled *Hill 78 Area Remainder Proposed Additional Sampling Location* ("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 Proposal, subject to the following condition:

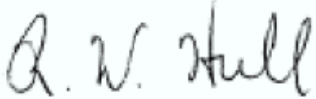
1. GE shall notify EPA prior to the clearing of any vegetation associated with the collection of the proposed sample, as well as prior to collecting the sample.

GE's Third Supplemental Data Letter, previously scheduled to be submitted by July 10, 2007, shall incorporate the results of the sampling included in the Proposal and shall now be submitted within 30 days from the issuance of this letter.

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,



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