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Via U.S. and Electronic Mail



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Re: Approval of General Electric's "Revised Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan" dated July 30, 2003, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, MA.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above referenced, "Revised Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan" (RPDIWP). The RPDIWP is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

In November 2002, General Electric (GE) submitted to the EPA the "Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for Unkamet Brook Area Removal Action (PDI Work Plan). The EPA subsequently conditionally approved the PDI Work Plan on March 10, 2003. As required in EPA's conditional approval letter GE submitted a "Revised Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan".

Following submittal of the "Revised Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan", the EPA conditionally approved that document in a letter dated July 17, 2003. The EPA's July 2003 letter required GE to submit another "Revised Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan" which would address EPA's concerns articulated in the July 2003, conditional approval letter. GE's submittal, dated July 30, 2003, addresses all of the issues identified in the EPA's conditional approval letter.

As stated in the aforementioned July 30, 2003, RPDIWP and EPA's July 17, 2003, conditional approval letter, GE will complete the soil/sediment pre-design investigation sampling plan as proposed in the RPDIWP and will submit a Final PDI Report for the Unkamet Brook Area within 12 months after EPA's approval of the Interim Report.

If there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as described in the Work Plan and as set forth in the Consent Decree and/or Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River (Appendix E to the Consent Decree), the Consent Decree and Statement of Work shall control. The EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the area's subject to the RPDIWP and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

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Sincerely,



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