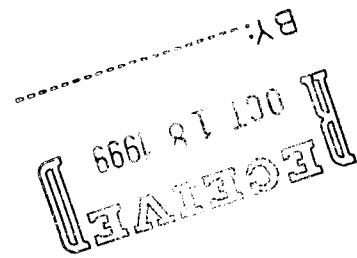


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RE: Conditional Approval of GE's September 9, 1999 submittal entitled *July/August 1999 Additional Source Control Investigations, Lyman Street Site, by HSI Geotrans*

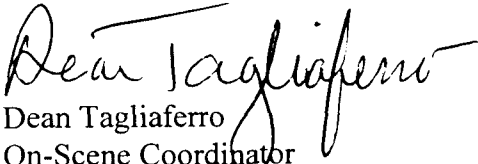
On September 9, 1999, General Electric (GE) submitted the above-referenced report to EPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). EPA, after consulting with the Massachusetts DEP, conditionally approves the above-referenced submittal subject to the following:

1. GE implements the proposed recommendations contained in Section 5 of the submittal by October 27, 1999.
2. EPA reserves the right to require additional investigations and response actions, including automated DNAPL recovery, after reviewing the summary report documenting the four weeks of daily monitoring and recovery data from wells LSSC-07 and LSSC-16I and/or after reviewing the annual short term effectiveness report for the Lyman Street area.

Also, the conditional approval of this submittal does not preclude EPA from requiring additional investigations and response activities pursuant to the Consent Decree lodged in Federal Court on October 7, 1999 and/or the *Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River* (Appendix E to the Consent Decree). Furthermore, in the event the Consent Decree does not get entered by the Court, EPA reserves the right to require additional investigations and response activities pursuant to its statutory and regulatory authorities reserved under the Consent Decree including, but not limited to, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA").

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1282.

Sincerely,


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