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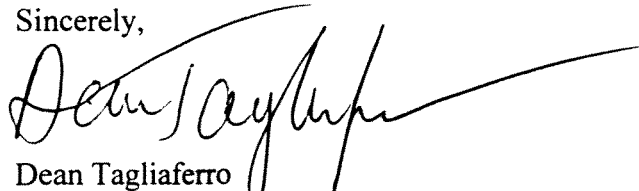
RE: Approval of GE's December 3, 1999 submittal entitled *East Street Area 2 Site/USEPA Area 4 Proposal for DNAPL Collection System*
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

On December 3, 1999, General Electric (GE) submitted the above-referenced document to EPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The report was submitted in response to EPA's November 2, 1999 approval letter for GE's submittal entitled *DNAPL Assessment East Street Area 2 Site Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Addendum* (HSI Geotrans, October 11, 1999). This report is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree that was lodged in District Court on October 7, 1999 (the "Consent Decree"). Pursuant to Paragraph 73(b) of the Consent Decree, EPA, after consulting with the Massachusetts DEP, approves the above-referenced submittal.

EPA's approval of this submittal does not preclude EPA from requiring additional investigations and response activities pursuant to the Consent Decree 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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