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Mr. John Novotny
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RE: Conditional Approval of GE's July 14, 2000 Submittal entitled *Evaluation of NAPL Recovery at Newell Street Area II (Part of Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area)* GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Novotny:

On July 14, 2000, General Electric (GE) submitted the above-referenced document to EPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). This submittal 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 subject to the following conditions:

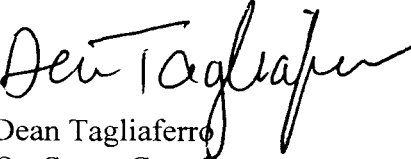
1. GE shall provide EPA with a minimum of three days notice prior to initiating field activities to allow EPA to arrange for oversight.
2. If the DNAPL recovery test for either of the two proposed wells indicates significant sustainable yields, then EPA may require GE to perform additional investigative and/or response actions at the Newell Street II Site.
3. GE shall submit the summary report referenced on page 4-3 of GE's report no later than October 10, 2000.
4. GE shall submit the next semiannual *Evaluation of NAPL Recovery at Newell Street Area II* report no later than January 15, 2001.

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) in the future. 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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