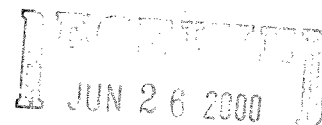


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BY:.....

RE: Conditional Approval of GE's June 7, 2000 Submittal entitled *DNAPL Investigation: East Street Area 2-South Portion of Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area (GMA) (GECD310)* GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Silfer:

On June 7, 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 two days notice prior to initiating field activities to allow EPA to arrange for oversight.
2. If the proposed direct-push method does not achieve the required depths specified in GE's submittal or otherwise fails to accomplish the submittal's objectives, then GE shall employ other methods to obtain this information.
3. GE shall include a figure in their next submittal that clearly delineates the top of the fine sand/silt semi-confining layer that is present in this area.

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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