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Mr. Andrew Silfer, P.E.  
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**RE: Approval of GE's July 20, 2000 Submittal entitled *Results of DNAPL Investigation: East Street Area 2-South Portion of Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area (GEC310)***  
**GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site**

Dear Mr. Silfer:

On July 20, 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(a) of the Consent Decree, EPA, after consulting with the Massachusetts DEP, approves the above-referenced submittal.

EPA recommends that the results of the investigation be evaluated and incorporated into subsequent Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area submittals.

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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