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Mr. John Novotny Corporate Environmental Programs General Electric Company 100 Woodlawn Avenue Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

RE: Approval of GE's October 9, 2000 Submittal entitled *Plant Site 1 Groundwater*Management Area, Results of Monitoring Well Installation - Newell Street Area II
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Novotny:

On October 9, 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 entered in District Court on October 27, 2000 (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'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.

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

Sincerely,

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