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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer, P.E.
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RE: Conditional Approval of GE's submittal entitled *Cell G2 and G3 Monitoring Results and Proposed Modification to Baseline Monitoring Program for Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 1) Upper ½-Mile Reach Removal Action GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site*

Dear Mr. Silfer:

On July 27, 2001, GE submitted a document entitled *Cell G2 and G3 Monitoring Results and Proposed Modification to Baseline Monitoring Program for Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area (GMA 1)*. This document 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 the Upper ½-Mile Reach Removal Action Work Plan and 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 substitute monitoring well HR-G3-MW-1 as the replacement for monitoring well ES2-3 in the baseline monitoring program for GMA-1. GE has proposed to use monitoring well HR-G3-MW-2 as the replacement well.
2. If an increase in NAPL is observed in monitoring well HR-G2-RW-1 or if NAPL is detected in any of the other monitoring wells, EPA may require GE to increase the frequency of monitoring, sample the NAPL, and/or perform NAPL/groundwater recovery activities.
3. If GE discontinues to operate recovery well RW-1(s) and NAPL is present in any of the monitoring or recovery wells, EPA may require GE to increase the frequency of monitoring, sample the NAPL, and/or perform NAPL/groundwater recovery activities.

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

the *Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River* (Appendix E to the Consent Decree), and/or the Upper ½-Mile Reach Removal Action Work Plan (Appendix F to the Consent Decree).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Tagliaferro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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