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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's *Groundwater Management Area 3 Modifications to NAPL Monitoring Program*
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of General Electric's *Groundwater Management Area 3 Modifications to NAPL Monitoring Program* (Proposal), submitted on January 20, 2005. The Proposal is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Proposal subject to the condition presented below.

1. In addition to the proposal to collect additional NAPL samples, GE shall evaluate the potential volatilization of NAPL constituents as stated in EPA's December 7, 2004 letter. GE shall perform this evaluation in accordance with the Consent Decree and Statement of Work (Section 4.2, Item 5 of Technical Attachment H).

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to the interim monitoring program and/or require additional sampling or response actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Lovely Jr.".

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