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Mr. Richard W. Gates, Remediation Project Manager
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's July 24, 2007 submittal titled *Addendum to Supplemental Soil Gas Migration Assessment Report and Sampling Plan – Groundwater Management Area 3*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's July 24, 2007 *Addendum to Supplemental Soil Gas Migration Assessment Report and Sampling Plan – Groundwater Management Area 3* (the "Addendum"). This letter 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, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Addendum, subject to the following conditions:

1. For the five penetrations within building 51 that were unable to be sealed, GE shall either seal the penetrations or shall collect representative soil gas samples from the potential pathways and analyze for VOCs.

GE shall implement the requirements specified in condition 1 above and prepare a report detailing the actions taken to seal the remaining penetrations or provide the results of analysis of any soil gas samples collected from the potential pathways. The report shall be submitted within 45 days of this approval.

EPA reserves all of its rights under the CD, including but not limited to, the right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the CD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1882.

Sincerely,



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