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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: EPA Conditional Approval of General Electric's August 30, 2007, submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 3 (GECD330) Groundwater Quality and NAPL Monitoring Report for Spring 2007*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's August 30, 2007, submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 3 (GECD330) Groundwater Quality and NAPL Monitoring Report for Spring 2007* (the "Report"). 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, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the August 30, 2007, Report, subject to the following conditions:

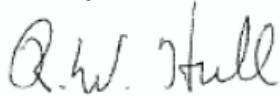
1. GE shall evaluate the detection of LNAPL in well GMA3-11 to determine if an instrument malfunction or transcription error occurred. If the presence of LNAPL at this well is confirmed by future monitoring, the extent of LNAPL as presented in Figure 7 should be extended to encompass well GMA3-11, rather than depicting it as an isolated pool.
2. The groundwater monitoring parameter results for wells 16B-R (pH=3.5) and 90A (pH=4.33) appear to be anomalously low for groundwater, yet no explanation or discussion was provided in the Report. In future sampling events, GE shall attempt to verify such anomalous data in the field and take corrective action if necessary. Future monitoring reports shall provide a discussion regarding any extreme field parameter data that is recorded during the sampling events.

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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