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

Re: EPA Approval of General Electric's November 7, 2006 submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 4 (GECD340) Results of PCB Assessment – Selected Monitoring Wells*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of GE's November 7, 2006 submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 4 (GECD340) Results of PCB Assessment – Selected Monitoring Wells*. 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.

In its submittal GE indicated that, due to the lack of detectable concentrations of PCBs in most of the additional samples analyzed, the conclusions to be drawn from the comparison of the data collected from the two laboratories was limited. EPA concurs with this conclusion and with GE's recommendation that an assessment of the laboratories conducting PCB analysis for samples from GMA 4 should be continued during the fall 2006 sampling event.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, approves the November 7, 2006 letter.

EPA reserves its 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. W. Hull".

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