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Mr. Richard W. Gates  
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via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's September 19, 2007 submittal,  
*Groundwater Management Area 5, Addendum to Baseline Assessment Final  
Report and Long-Term Monitoring Program*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") conditional approval of the above-referenced *Groundwater Management Area 5, Addendum to Baseline Assessment Final Report and Long-Term Monitoring Program* (the "Addendum"). The Addendum 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 Addendum, subject to the following conditions:

1. GE shall install monitoring wells GMA5-9 and GMA5-10 as GW-2 compliance wells. GE shall collect samples from these two wells for VOC analysis for a minimum of two semi-annual sampling rounds, starting in Fall 2007.
2. GE shall initiate the long-term groundwater quality monitoring for all existing wells in Fall 2007, regardless of schedule for the installation and sampling of the additional wells proposed by GE.

Following the sampling of the additional wells, GE and EPA shall discuss whether the data will be included in the Fall 2007 Monitoring Event Evaluation Report for GMA 5 to EPA or in an Addendum to that report. The schedule for submittal of the Fall 2007 Monitoring Event Evaluation Report (and Addendum, if necessary) shall be documented in the monthly reports on overall activities at the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site.

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) 918-1721.

Sincerely,



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