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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 March 20, 2008 submittal titled
Groundwater Management Area 5, *Long-Term Monitoring Program Monitoring
Event Evaluation Report for Fall 2007*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced *Long-Term Monitoring Program Monitoring Event Evaluation Report for Fall 2007* (the Report). The Report 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 Report and the proposed Spring 2008 groundwater monitoring described therein, subject to the following conditions.

1. GE shall continue analyzing well GMA5-4 for cadmium until SOW requirement of four consecutive sampling events without exceeding applicable standards is satisfied.
2. In its next groundwater monitoring round submittal, GE shall evaluate the MDEP's revised MCP GW-2 and GW-3 standards which became effective on February 14, 2008, and shall discuss what additional measures will be implemented to address and comply with the revised standards.
3. Regarding the comment in Section 4.6 that GE will conduct one additional monitoring event for VOCs at wells GMA5-9 and GMA5-10, EPA is not making a determination at this time whether one additional monitoring event will be sufficient. EPA, in consultation with MDEP, will consider GE's evaluation of the need for continued monitoring at these wells in the next monitoring report.

4. The drainage ditch discussed in Section 1.2.2 and shown on Figures 2 and 3 does not appear to compare accurately with existing site conditions. For future reports, GE shall show current site conditions and topography on these figures.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1721.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Fisher", is positioned above a vertical line.

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