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**Re: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site  
Former Oxbow Areas A and C (GEC410)  
Former Oxbow Areas J and K (GEC420)  
Lyman Street Area (GEC430) – Properties West of Lyman Street  
Supplemental Information Package – Analytical Data for Proposed Backfill Sources**

Dear Mr. Lovely:

Attached is a summary of the laboratory results for the proposed backfill and topsoil sources to be used during the response actions at three Removal Action Areas (RAAs) at the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site – namely, Former Oxbow Areas A and C; Former Oxbow Areas J and K; and the portion of Lyman Street Area west of Lyman Street. As indicated in the attached Table 1, the backfill sample was collected at Pittsfield Sand and Gravel, Inc.'s Hurley Pit located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. In addition, the topsoil sample was collected from a stockpile located at the Maxymillian Technologies, Inc. facility also located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

As shown on Table 1, PCBs were not detected in either of the samples collected from the proposed backfill and topsoil sources. However, certain non-PCB constituents were detected in these samples. As such, the analytical results for each of the detected constituents were compared to the applicable EPA Region 9 Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs) for residential areas. That comparison indicated that all detected volatile, semivolatile and inorganic constituents were below their applicable PRGs, with the exception of arsenic, which was detected in the backfill and topsoil samples at concentrations of 1.4 parts per million (ppm) and 4.99 ppm, respectively. However, those detected concentrations are well below the MCP Method 1 Soil Standard applicable to these properties. As such, use of these proposed backfill and topsoil materials will not impact the achievement of the applicable Performance Standards under post-remediation conditions at each property.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached supplemental information.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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**TABLE 1  
ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR PROPOSED BACKFILL MATERIALS**

**FORMER OXBOW AREAS A AND C, FORMER OXBOW AREAS J AND K, LYMAN STREET AREA  
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY - PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
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Parameter	Sample ID: Date Collected:	Hurley-Backfill-2 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/05/06	Maxymillian-Topsoil-2 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/05/06
<b>Volatile Organics</b>			
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,1,2-Trichloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,1-Dichloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,1-Dichloroethene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,2,3-Trichloropropane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,2-Dibromoethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,2-Dichloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,2-Dichloropropane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,4-Dioxane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
2-Butanone		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
2-Chloro-1,3-butadiene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
2-Chloroethylvinylether		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
2-Hexanone		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
3-Chloropropene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
4-Methyl-2-pentanone		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Acetone		ND(0.0050)	0.0074
Acetonitrile		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Acrolein		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Acrylonitrile		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Benzene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Bromodichloromethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Bromoform		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Bromomethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Carbon Disulfide		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Carbon Tetrachloride		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Chlorobenzene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Chloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Chloroform		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Chloromethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Dibromochloromethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Dibromomethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Dichlorodifluoromethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Ethyl Methacrylate		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Ethylbenzene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Iodomethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Isobutanol		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Methacrylonitrile		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Methyl Methacrylate		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Methylene Chloride		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Propionitrile		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Styrene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Tetrachloroethene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Toluene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
trans-1,4-Dichloro-2-butene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Trichloroethene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Trichlorofluoromethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Vinyl Acetate		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Vinyl Chloride		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Xylenes (total)		ND(0.010)	ND(0.010)

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Parameter	Sample ID: Date Collected:	Hurley-Backfill-2 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/05/06	Maxymillian-Topsoil-2 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/05/06
<b>PCBs</b>			
Aroclor-1016		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
Aroclor-1221		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
Aroclor-1232		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
Aroclor-1242		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
Aroclor-1248		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
Aroclor-1254		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
Aroclor-1260		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
Total PCBs		ND(0.033)	ND(0.040)
<b>Semivolatile Organics</b>			
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,3,5-Trinitrobenzene		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
1,3-Dichlorobenzene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,3-Dinitrobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
1,4-Naphthoquinone		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
1-Naphthylamine		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2,4-Dichlorophenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2,4-Dimethylphenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2,4-Dinitrophenol		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
2,4-Dinitrotoluene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2,6-Dichlorophenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2,6-Dinitrotoluene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2-Acetylaminofluorene		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
2-Chloronaphthalene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2-Chlorophenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2-Methylnaphthalene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2-Methylphenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2-Naphthylamine		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
2-Nitroaniline		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2-Nitrophenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
2-Picoline		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
3&4-Methylphenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
3,3'-Dimethylbenzidine		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
3-Methylcholanthrene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
3-Nitroaniline		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
4-Aminobiphenyl		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
4-Bromophenyl-phenylether		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
4-Chloro-3-Methylphenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
4-Chloroaniline		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
4-Chlorobenzilate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
4-Chlorophenyl-phenylether		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
4-Nitroaniline		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
4-Nitrophenol		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
4-Nitroquinoline-1-oxide		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
4-Phenylenediamine		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
5-Nitro-o-toluidine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
7,12-Dimethylbenz(a)anthracene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
a,a'-Dimethylphenethylamine		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
Acenaphthene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)

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<b>Semivolatile Organics (continued)</b>			
Acenaphthylene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Acetophenone		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Aniline		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Anthracene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Aramite		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Azobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Benzidine		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
Benzo(a)anthracene		ND(0.33)	0.14 J
Benzo(a)pyrene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Benzo(b)fluoranthene		ND(0.33)	0.12 J
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Benzo(k)fluoranthene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Benzyl Alcohol		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
bis(2-Chloroethoxy)methane		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
bis(2-Chloroethyl)ether		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)ether		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Butylbenzylphthalate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Chrysene		ND(0.33)	0.13 J
Diallate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Dibenzofuran		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Diethylphthalate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Dimethylphthalate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Di-n-Butylphthalate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Di-n-Octylphthalate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Diphenylamine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Ethyl Methanesulfonate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Fluoranthene		ND(0.33)	0.20 J
Fluorene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Hexachlorobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Hexachlorobutadiene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
Hexachloroethane		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Hexachlorophene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Hexachloropropene		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Isodrin		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Isophorone		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Isosafrole		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Methapyrilene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Methyl Methanesulfonate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Naphthalene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Nitrobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitrosodiethylamine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitrosodimethylamine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitroso-di-n-butylamine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitroso-di-n-propylamine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitrosomethylethylamine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitrosomorpholine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitrosopiperidine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
N-Nitrosopyrrolidine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
o,o,o-Triethylphosphorothioate		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
o-Toluidine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
p-Dimethylaminoazobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Pentachlorobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)

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<b>Semivolatile Organics (continued)</b>			
Pentachloroethane		ND(0.0050)	ND(0.0050)
Pentachloronitrobenzene		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Pentachlorophenol		ND(1.7)	ND(2.0)
Phenacetin		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Phenanthrene		ND(0.33)	0.094 J
Phenol		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Pronamide		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Pyrene		ND(0.33)	0.35 J
Pyridine		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Safrole		ND(0.33)	ND(0.39)
Thionazin		ND(0.67)	ND(0.78)
<b>Inorganics</b>			
Antimony		ND(4.16)	ND(4.83)
Arsenic		1.40	4.99
Barium		16.5 B	56.6 B
Beryllium		0.133 B	0.0230 B
Cadmium		0.163 B	0.0350 B
Chromium		4.96	12.3
Cobalt		2.74	9.86
Copper		4.73 B	ND(24.2)
Lead		2.28	16.5 B
Mercury		0.00864 B	0.0719
Nickel		4.70 B	17.5
Selenium		2.05 B	2.22 B
Silver		ND(1.04)	ND(1.21)
Thallium		ND(1.04)	ND(1.21)
Tin		1.51 B	1.62 B
Vanadium		5.59	9.34
Zinc		13.4	66.8

Notes:

1. Sample collected by Blasland, Bouck, & Lee, Inc., (BBL) from Pittsfield Sand and Gravel, Inc.'s Hurley Pit located in Pittsfield Massachusetts.
2. Sample collected by BBL from stockpile located at Maxymillian Technologies, Inc. facility located in Pittsfield Massachusetts.
3. ND - Analyte was not detected. The number in parenthesis is the associated detection limit.

Data Qualifiers:

Organics

J - Indicates an estimated value less than the practical quantitation limit (PQL).

Inorganics

B - Indicates an estimated value between the instrument detection limit (IDL) and (PQL).