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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Comments on General Electric's November 18, 2003, submittal "Former Oxbow Areas A and C Proposal for Additional Supplemental Pre-design Soil Sampling," GE- Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts dated November 18, 2003..

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) approval of the pre-design investigation activities described in the above-referenced "Former Oxbow Areas A and C Proposal for Additional Supplemental Pre-design Soil Sampling." This additional sampling is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2003.

GE shall initiate the supplemental field work for the former Oxbow Areas A and C by January 1, 2004. The results of this sampling will be incorporated into the Supplemental PDI Report, which is due to EPA by April 20, 2004.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, approves the above-referenced submittal.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the former Oxbow Areas A and C and/or may 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) 918-1268.

Sincerely,

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