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February 17, 2006

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

Re: Approval of General Electric's submittal titled "*Addendum to Final Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas A & C*", GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) approval of the above referenced "*Addendum to Final Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas A & C*" (Addendum) dated September 26, 2005. 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.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

Please contact me at (617) 918-1240 if you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,

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