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

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's submittal titled *Second 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) conditional approval of the above referenced *Second Addendum to Final Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas A & C* (Addendum) submitted on April 16, 2006. 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.

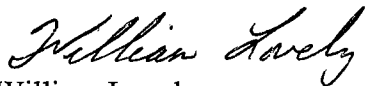
Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Addendum subject to the following condition.

1. GE shall consider expanding, subject to constructability considerations, the excavation limits shown on Technical Drawing 3 of the Addendum to include paved areas associated with soil boring locations RAA11-T2, SB-415, SB-416, SB-417, SB-418, SB-419, SB-420, and SB-421 on Parcel I8-23-5, and paved areas associated with soil boring location RAA11-T10.5 on Parcel I8-23-9.

GE shall provide a revised Technical Drawing 3 that addresses the condition above within 14 days from the date of this letter. 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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