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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 "*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 "*Final Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas A&C*" (Work Plan) dated July 2005. The Work Plan 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 Work Plan subject to the following condition.

1. GE shall present in an addendum further detail regarding the placement of the rip-rap along the banks and bottom of the drainage swale at the end of Day Street. At a minimum, this further detail shall show where the rip-rap is proposed to be placed within the banks and bottom of the drainage swale, limit of additional tree clearing, and the need for any sediment removal from within the drainage swale. This addendum shall be submitted with 4 weeks of the date of this letter.

If there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as described in the Work Plan and as set forth in the Consent Decree and/or Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River (Appendix E to the Consent Decree), the Consent Decree and Statement of Work shall control. 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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