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March 10, 2003

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

Re: Comments on General Electric's February 2003 *Addendum to Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for the Former Oxbows A & C Removal Action*, General Electric/Housatonic River Project Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the pre-design investigation activities for the above-referenced *Addendum to Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for the Former Oxbows A & C Removal Action*, (APDIWP) dated February 13, 2003. The APDIWP 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 above-referenced submittal.

GE shall initiate field work within 30 days from the date of this letter, subject to obtaining access from the property owners. GE shall submit the Pre-Design Investigation Report to the Agencies no later than five (5) months from the date of this approval 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 in the areas subject to PDIWP and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1268.

Sincerely,



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