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

Re: Approval of General Electric's *Conceptual Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas J and K*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced *Conceptual Removal Design/ Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas J and K* (Work Plan) dated March 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 above-referenced submittal.

GE shall submit a Final RD/RA Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas J&K within 3 months 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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Lovely, Jr.".

William P. Lovely, Jr.
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