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January 13, 2003

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

Re: Former Oxbow Areas J & K, Pittsfield, Massachusetts - Review of: "Addendum to Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan" dated January 2, 2003

Dear Mr. Silfer:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your letter, dated January 2, 2003, in which General Electric (GE) responded to the EPA's conditional approval letter for the "Pre-design Investigation Work Plan for the Former Oxbow Areas J and K" dated November 19, 2003. GE has incorporated the EPA's comments, except in a few instances.

This letter contains the EPA's conditional approval, and after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, for GE's "Addendum to Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for Oxbows J and K" dated January 2, 2003. The EPA approves the above-referenced submittal subject to the following conditions:

1. GE shall place sample location RAA15-H11 (0- to 1-foot interval which shall be analyzed for Appendix IX +3) on the dirt portion of the footpath.
2. In GE's Addendum Item 3 (response to EPA Comment 3): The EPA disagrees with GE's rationale for not conducting Appendix IX+3 sampling at location RAA15-J9. GE shall collect Appendix IX+3 samples at the 1- to 3-foot and 3- to 6-foot intervals at location RAA15-J9 in order to adequately characterize parcel K10-10-5 to the centerline of the right-of-way.

The EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling of 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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