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Mr. Dean Tagliaferro
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c/o Weston Solutions, Inc.
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Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Re: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site
Lyman Street Area (GECD430)
Summary of November 2006 Inspection Activities**

Dear Mr. Tagliaferro:

On November 29, 2006, the General Electric Company (GE) performed its first post-remediation inspection of the properties located within the Lyman Street Area, west of Lyman Street, at which remediation activities have been performed. As shown on Figure 1, the Lyman Street Area includes six commercial parcels (four of which, Parcels I9-4-14, -19, -25, and -203, have recreational portions) and two recreational parcels. In accordance with GE's *Final Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan for Lyman Street Area* (Final RD/RA Work Plan), which was submitted to EPA in September 2005 and conditionally approved by EPA on March 6, 2006, GE conducted remediation actions at the six properties west of Lyman Street in 2006, completing those actions in September 2006. (Remediation activities for the properties east of Lyman Street are anticipated to be performed in summer 2007.) In addition, vegetation restoration activities were conducted at two of these parcels (Parcels I9-4-14 and I9-4-19), as described in the revised Vegetation Restoration Plan for Lyman Street Area (west of Lyman Street) provided in Attachment 3 to GE's October 5, 2006 Addendum to Supplemental Information Package.

The November 2006 inspection was performed for areas that were backfilled and restored during implementation of the remediation actions. This inspection was conducted in accordance with the Post-Removal Site Control/Restoration Project Monitoring and Maintenance Plan contained in Attachment F to the Final RD/RA Work Plan, as revised and set forth in Attachment H to an April 4, 2006 Addendum to the Final RD/RA Work Plan, which was approved by EPA on April 13, 2006.

The November 2006 inspection consisted of visual observations of the backfilled/restored areas, focusing on the following: (a) any areas where excessive settlement has occurred relative to the surrounding areas; (b) any drainage or growth problems due to possible over-compaction of the backfill materials; (c) in areas where vegetation has been established, the condition of the vegetation, including any evidence of stressed vegetation or sparse cover; and (d) other conditions that could jeopardize the performance of the completed remediation actions. The inspection also evaluated whether the vegetation that has been planted is growing as anticipated.

To document the results of the November 2006 inspection, GE completed an Inspection Summary and Checklist for each property subject to inspection. Copies of the completed forms are provided in Attachment A. These forms will also be used in the future to continue to document such inspections and track the completion of identified maintenance activities.

In summary, as indicated on the attached forms, the November 2006 results indicated that the inspected properties at the Lyman Street Area were in good overall condition, with certain restoration activities remaining to be conducted in December 2006 (i.e., tree installation at Parcel I9-4-14 and parking lot line painting at Parcels I9-4-25/202) and with a couple of minor maintenance actions necessary. Specifically, the inspection identified the need for the following maintenance activities:

- Repair erosion/sink hole observed on top of bank along Housatonic River on Parcel I9-4-19; and
- Repair fence collar on Parcel I9-4-201.

The above maintenance activities will be conducted prior to the spring 2007 inspection.

In accordance with the above-referenced Post-Removal Site Control/Restoration Project Monitoring and Maintenance Plan, the backfilled/restored areas at the above properties west of Lyman Street will be inspected every six months for a period of one year and annually thereafter (subject to subsequent EPA approval of a different frequency). Future inspections are anticipated to occur in May and October of 2007 and annually thereafter. Following each inspection, an inspection report will be prepared and submitted to EPA.

Please call me if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely

Richard Gates/EGB

Richard W. Gates
Remediation Project Manager

Attachment

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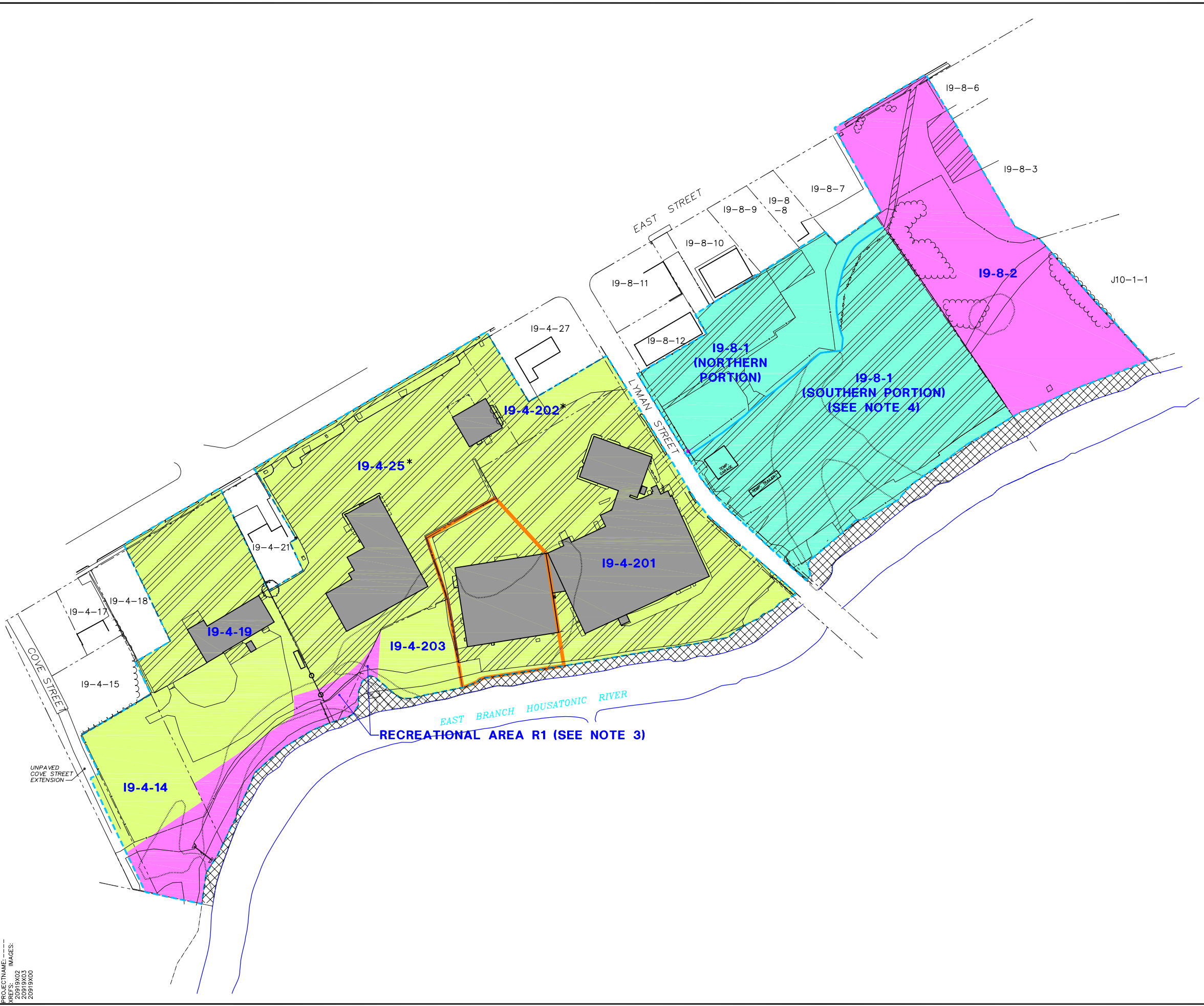
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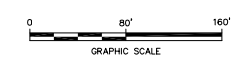
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LEGEND

- APPROXIMATE RAA BOUNDARY
- PARCEL BOUNDARY
- 19-8-1** PARCEL ID
- GUARD RAIL
- CHAIN LINK FENCE
- WOODEN FENCE
- FORMER OXBOW/LOW LYING AREA
- BUILDING
- PAVED AREA
- AREA ADDRESSED AS PART OF 1/2-MILE REACH REMOVAL ACTION OR 1 1/2-MILE REACH REMOVAL ACTION
- RECREATIONAL PROPERTY (GE OWNED)
- RECREATIONAL AREA (NON-GE OWNED)
- COMMERCIAL AREA (NON-GE OWNED)
- SUB-AREA 201A (SUBJECT TO SAMPLING ON RESIDENTIAL-AREA GRID)
- DIVIDING LINE SEPARATING THE NORTHERN PORTION OF 19-8-1 FROM THE SOUTHERN PORTION

- FIGURE NOTES:**
1. MAPPING IS BASED ON SITE SURVEY BY HILL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS INC., DATED 2/5/04 AND FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MAPPING BY LOCKWOOD MAPPING, INC. - FLOWN IN APRIL 1990 (EDGE OF RIVER).
 2. * = PARCEL 19-4-25 (COMMERCIAL PORTION) AND 19-4-202, WHICH ARE UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP, WERE CONSIDERED AS A SINGLE AVERAGING AREA FOR RD/RA EVALUATIONS
 3. R1 AVERAGING AREA CONSISTS OF THE RECREATIONAL PORTIONS OF PARCELS 19-4-25 AND 19-4-203.
 4. EVALUATIONS WERE NOT PERFORMED ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF PARCEL 19-8-1. THIS AREA WILL BE SUBJECT TO INSTALLATION OF A VEGETATIVE ENGINEERED BARRIER AND NATURAL RESOURCE RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES.



GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
 PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
NOVEMBER 2006 INSPECTION

SITE PLAN

FIGURE
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Attachment A

Completed Inspection Forms

INSPECTION SUMMARY AND CHECKLIST

LYMAN STREET AREA

PARCEL I9-4-14

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspection Date: 11/29/06
Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti
Weather Conditions: Cloudy - 47°F
Date of Last Inspection: --

II. INSPECTION SUMMARY

1. Vegetative Engineered Barriers *(Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of any of the following: soil cover erosion, areas of bare/sparse vegetation, uneven settlement, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts; exposed synthetic cover components; proper functioning of water management features; unauthorized excavation; unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)*

NA

2. Other Soil Backfill Areas *(Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of excessive settlement, soil erosion, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts, unauthorized excavations, unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)*

- All areas in good condition.

3. Other Vegetation Areas *(Note any physical changes since last inspection; note general condition of vegetative cover (e.g., evidence of stressed/sparse cover) and other landscaping items (trees, shrubs, etc.,*

- Trees to be installed during the month of December 2006.

4. Other Observations *(Confirm that repair/maintenance measures identified during prior inspection have been performed; note any other general observations, including parcel-specific restoration activities.*

- None

III. FOLLOW-UP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES

- None

ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

INSPECTION SUMMARY AND CHECKLIST

LYMAN STREET AREA

PARCEL I9-4-19

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspection Date: 11/29/06
Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti
Weather Conditions: Cloudy - 47°F
Date of Last Inspection: --

II. INSPECTION SUMMARY

1. Vegetative Engineered Barriers *(Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of any of the following: soil cover erosion, areas of bare/sparse vegetation, uneven settlement, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts; exposed synthetic cover components; proper functioning of water management features; unauthorized excavation; unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)*

NA

2. Other Soil Backfill Areas *(Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of excessive settlement, soil erosion, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts, unauthorized excavations, unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)*

- Erosion/sinkhole on top of bank along Housatonic River.

3. Other Vegetation Areas *(Note any physical changes since last inspection; note general condition of vegetative cover (e.g., evidence of stressed/sparse cover) and other landscaping items (trees, shrubs, etc.,*

- All areas in good condition.

4. Other Observations *(Confirm that repair/maintenance measures identified during prior inspection have been performed; note any other general observations, including parcel-specific restoration activities.*

- None

III. FOLLOW-UP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES

- Erosion/sinkhole described above to be addressed in spring of 2007.

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INSPECTION SUMMARY AND CHECKLIST

LYMAN STREET AREA

PARCEL I9-4-25/202

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspection Date: 11/29/06
Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti
Weather Conditions: Cloudy - 47°F
Date of Last Inspection: --

II. INSPECTION SUMMARY

1. Vegetative Engineered Barriers (Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of any of the following: soil cover erosion, areas of bare/sparse vegetation, uneven settlement, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts; exposed synthetic cover components; proper functioning of water management features; unauthorized excavation; unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)

NA

2. Other Soil Backfill Areas (Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of excessive settlement, soil erosion, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts, unauthorized excavations, unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)

- All areas in good condition.

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- Parking lot paint lines to be completed during the month of December 2006.

III. FOLLOW-UP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES

- None

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INSPECTION SUMMARY AND CHECKLIST

LYMAN STREET AREA

PARCEL I9-4-201

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspection Date: 11/29/06
Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti
Weather Conditions: Cloudy - 47°F
Date of Last Inspection: --

II. INSPECTION SUMMARY

1. Vegetative Engineered Barriers (Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of any of the following: soil cover erosion, areas of bare/sparse vegetation, uneven settlement, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts; exposed synthetic cover components; proper functioning of water management features; unauthorized excavation; unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)

NA

2. Other Soil Backfill Areas (Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of excessive settlement, soil erosion, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts, unauthorized excavations, unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)

- All areas in good condition.

3. Other Vegetation Areas (Note any physical changes since last inspection; note general condition of vegetative cover (e.g., evidence of stressed/sparse cover) and other landscaping items (trees, shrubs, etc.,

- All areas in good condition.

4. Other Observations (Confirm that repair/maintenance measures identified during prior inspection have been performed; note any other general observations, including parcel-specific restoration activities.

- Fence along Housatonic River (next to USC box) needs attention, collar needs to be fixed.

III. FOLLOW-UP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES

- Repair fence.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

INSPECTION SUMMARY AND CHECKLIST

LYMAN STREET AREA

PARCEL I9-4-203

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspection Date: 11/29/06
Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti
Weather Conditions: Cloudy - 47°F
Date of Last Inspection: --

II. INSPECTION SUMMARY

1. Vegetative Engineered Barriers *(Note any physical changes since last inspection; note evidence of any of the following: soil cover erosion, areas of bare/sparse vegetation, uneven settlement, surface water ponding, burrows, vehicle ruts; exposed synthetic cover components; proper functioning of water management features; unauthorized excavation; unauthorized uses of areas, etc.)*

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