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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer, P.E.
Corporate Environmental Programs
General Electric Company
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Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

RE: Conditional Approval of General Electric's December 1, 2000 submittal entitled, "Addendum to Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action"

Dear Mr. Silfer:

On December 1, 2000, the General Electric Company (GE) submitted the above-referenced document (the "Work Plan Addendum") to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). This Work Plan Addendum is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000 (the "Consent Decree"). This Work Plan Addendum was submitted in response to EPA's comments, dated November 16, 2000, on the GE's original work plan entitled, "Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action" (the "Work Plan"), dated March 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73(b) of the Consent Decree, the EPA, after consultation with the DEP, approves the above-referenced submittal subject to the following condition:

As stated in EPA's November 16 comment letter, GE shall sample nodes that fall within buildings with dirt floors. For the building which encompasses Node F14, EPA required that GE conduct both surface and subsurface sampling within the building unless the appropriate subsurface sampling equipment will not fit into the building. However, GE's Work Plan Addendum proposed only a surface sample at Node F14. GE shall conduct both surface and subsurface sampling at Node F14. If the appropriate subsurface sampling equipment will not fit into the building, the subsurface sampling may be conducted just outside the northern edge of the building.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the area subject to the Work Plan. EPA also reserves the right to require modifications to the Work Plan and/or Work Plan Addendum or require additional sampling or response actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.



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GE shall complete the investigation work and submit a Pre-Design Investigation Report within 180 days of the entry of the Consent Decree, as proposed in Section 5 of the original Work Plan.

If you have any questions, please call me at (617) 918-1365.

Sincerely,



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