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

Re: Approval in Part of General Electric's submittal titled "*Final RD/RA Work Plan Addendum for Newell Street II*", GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) approval, in part, of the above referenced "*Final RD/RA Work Plan Addendum for Newell Street II*" (Addendum) dated May 25, 2005. The Addendum 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 with respect to GE's responses to EPA's letter dated May 12, 2005. With respect to GE's responses to the Natural Resource Trustees' ("Trustees") April 25, 2005 letter, the Trustees will respond under separate cover.

If there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as described in the Final RD/RA Work Plan for Newell Street II or the Addendum 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.

Please contact me at (617) 918-1240 if you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,

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

William Lovely
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