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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: GE-Pittsfield/ Housatonic River Site
Newell Street Area II (GECD450)
Supplemental Information Package

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the *Supplemental Information Package for Newell Street Area II* dated June 24, 200 (Supplement). The Supplement 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 subject to the following condition.

1. EPA recommends the following changes to the Restoration Plan shown on Figure 1 of the Supplement: replace the species of Crack Willow, *salix fragilis* with *salix nigra*, the species of Slippery Elm, *ulmus rubra* with *ulmus americana*, and the species of Red Elderberry, *sambucus racemosa* with *sambucus canadensis* since these species are more likely to be commercially available at nurseries in the vicinity of the site.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to PDI Report 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.".

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