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May 16, 2006

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

Re: Approval of General Electric's *Newell Street Area II Proposal for Engineered Barrier Modifications*, GE-Pittsfield/ Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced *Newell Street Area II Proposal for Engineered Barrier Modifications* (Proposal) dated May 4, 2006. This Proposal 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 Proposal.

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.

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.".

William P. Lovely, Jr.
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