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

Re: Approval of General Electric's March 2, 2004 submittal "*Newell Street II Supplemental Sampling Proposal to Support Future Remedial Design/Remedial Action Activities*," GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) approval of the activities described in the above-referenced "*Newell Street II Supplemental Sampling Proposal to Support Future Remedial Design/Remedial Action Activities*," (Supplemental Sampling Plan). According to the schedule in the Supplemental Sampling Plan GE shall submit the Conceptual RD/RA Work Plan within 4 months of the date of this letter. The Supplemental Sampling Plan 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.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to the Supplemental Sampling Plan 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) 918-1268.

Sincerely,

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