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Re: Revised Estimated Timetable for Upper 2 Mile Reach Removal Action

Dear Messrs. Olson and Tagliaferro:

Enclosed, in accordance with our discussions, is GE's current revised estimated project **planning** timetable for the overall work on the Upper 2 Mile Reach Removal Action. As with other estimated timetables, we are sending you this revised estimated timetable solely for informational purposes, to aid EPA in understanding the tasks that GE plans to undertake on this Removal Action. In accordance with your prior agreement, this revised estimated timetable is not being submitted to EPA for approval and does not create any binding or enforceable obligations or deadlines for GE under the Consent Decree lodged on October 7, 1999. The times and durations shown on this timetable are for planning purposes, based on current information, and are subject to change as work progresses.

Based on our discussions with you over the past month, this revised estimated timetable incorporates a number of changes from the estimated timetable that we sent you on December 1, 1999. Those changes, along with other points that should be noted about this revised estimated timetable, include the following:

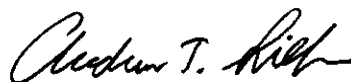
1. This revised estimated timetable shows a number of smaller cells/sections than were shown previously; the maximum length shown for any cell/section is approximately 320 feet. As we have discussed, the actual length of the cells/sections may be shorter or longer depending on field conditions.
2. This revised estimated timetable has moved some work that was previously scheduled for April-May 2001 into January 2001. Specifically, the first 320-foot section of Cell J has been moved to January 2001. Correspondingly, the estimated time for work in Cell I in Fall 2000 has been compressed from 80 days to 63 days so that it is anticipated to be completed by January 3, 2001.

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3. The work currently estimated for April-May 2001 consists of the second and third 320-foot sections of Cell J. This work is estimated to run **from** April 2 through May 11, 2001. This estimate contains two margins of safety: (a) it allows six weeks to implement work which, based on our prior experience, is actually projected to take only about four weeks; and (b) it leaves more than two extra weeks **after** May 11, before May 31, in the event that such extra time is needed to complete this work.
4. To ensure that the source control work at the Lyman Street parking lot does not interfere with completion of the Upper 2 Mile Reach Removal Action, GE is **planning** to complete the sheetpile installation and other bank-related source control work at the Lyman Street parking lot in the Fall/Winter 2000 so as to avoid interference with the 2 Mile removal work in Spring 2001.
5. The timetable allows for a contingency period in February-March 2001. GE intends to continue work during at least a portion of that period if it determines, based on an evaluation at that time, that such work is necessary to complete the overall work in a timely way.
6. This estimated timetable shows completion of the work by May 31, 2001, except that it notes that the **final** planting and restoration work on the riverbank areas will be completed in Fall 2001, as allowed by the approved Work Plan for this Removal Action. GE reiterates its position, set forth in our letter of December 1, 1999, that the actual deadline for completion of the construction/removal work under the approved Work Plan is around June 30, 2001, if that should be necessary. As indicated in the enclosed revised timetable, however, we are currently planning to complete that work before May 31, 2001, and we have made the above-described changes in the timetable in a further effort to address your concerns.

We would be glad to continue our discussions with you about this revised estimated timetable. In addition, we will continue to keep you advised of our activities and will provide updated estimated timetables, as appropriate, throughout the performance of this work.

Sincerely yours,



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