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August 21, 2008

Mr. Dean Tagliaferro
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
c/o Weston Solutions, Inc.
10 Lyman Street, Suite 2
Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

Re: Pittsfield; GECD440; Newell Street Area I
Approval of *Final Completion Report for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action*

Dear Mr. Tagliaferro:

The General Electric Company (GE) submitted, by cover letter dated July 31, 2008, the July 2008 report titled *Final Completion Report for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action* (the Final Completion Report) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with a copy to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), pursuant to Paragraph 88.a of the Consent Decree for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site. MassDEP has been provided the opportunity to review and comment on all aspects of the investigations related to the Final Completion Report and concurs with EPA that the Newell Street Area I Removal Action, excluding Post-Removal Site Control Activities, has been performed in accordance with the Consent Decree, and that the Performance Standards for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action have been achieved.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (413) 755-2264.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan J. Steenstrup".

Susan J. Steenstrup
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cc: Holly Inglis, EPA Region 1
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