



**United States Environmental Protection Agency
One Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023**

August 27, 2008

Mr. Richard W. Gates, Remediation Project Manager
Corporate Environmental Programs
General Electric Company
159 Plastics Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: EPA Approval of, and Certificate of Completion for, General Electric's submittal entitled *Final Completion Report for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action*, dated July, 2008, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

By cover letter dated July 31, 2008, the General Electric Company submitted the above referenced document, *Final Completion Report for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action* (the "FCR"), to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") pursuant to Paragraph 88.a of the Consent Decree for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000. Post-Removal Site Control activities are specified in Section 7 of the FCR.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73(a) of the Consent Decree, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, hereby approves the FCR. Pursuant to Paragraph 88.b of the Consent Decree, and based on the Newell Street Area I Removal Action FCR, EPA hereby encloses a Certificate of Completion for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1721.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Fisher".

Richard Fisher
GE Facility Project Manager

Enclosure

cc:

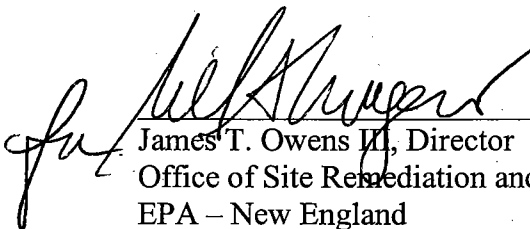
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Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-13 (187 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-16 (191 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-17 (203 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-18 (217 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcels J9-23-19, -20, and -21 (221, 229, and 230 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-22 (247/249 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-23 (261 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-24 (269 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-25 (273 Newell Street)
Property Owner – Parcel J9-23-26 (Lakewood Playground c/o City of Pittsfield)
Christopher Ferry, ASRC

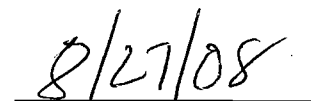
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
FOR THE NEWELL STREET AREA I REMOVAL ACTION
PERFORMED BY THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
AT THE GE-PITTSFIELD/HOUSATONIC RIVER SITE
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Pursuant to Paragraph 88.b of the Consent Decree for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, which was entered by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on October 27, 2000 ("Consent Decree"), the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby certifies, based upon the *Final Completion Report for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action*, dated July 2008, prepared and submitted by the General Electric Company, 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 soil-related Performance Standards for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action have been achieved. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the above-referenced *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 soil-related Performance Standards for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action have been achieved.

This certificate constitutes the Certificate of Completion for the Newell Street Area I Removal Action for purposes of the Consent Decree. This Certificate of Completion shall not discharge, limit, or affect any of the General Electric Company's remaining obligations under the Consent Decree, including without limitation, obligations relating to Post-Removal Site Control and groundwater. In addition, this Certificate of Completion does not alter any rights reserved by the United States under the Consent Decree. This certificate constitutes a finding by EPA that the Newell Street Area I Removal Action, as described in the above-referenced *Final Completion Report*, is consistent with the National Contingency Plan.


James T. Owens III, Director
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration
EPA - New England


Date