



**United States Environmental Protection Agency
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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 Removal Action for Housatonic River Floodplain – Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1 ½ Mile Reach*, dated July, 2008, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

By cover letter dated July 30, 2008, the General Electric Company submitted the above referenced document, *Final Completion Report for Removal Action for Housatonic River Floodplain – Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1 ½ Mile Reach* (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 FCR, EPA hereby encloses a Certificate of Completion for the Housatonic River Floodplain – Current Residential Properties Adjacent to the 1 ½ Mile Reach Removal Action.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Tagliaferro".

Dean Tagliaferro
EPA Project Manager

Enclosure

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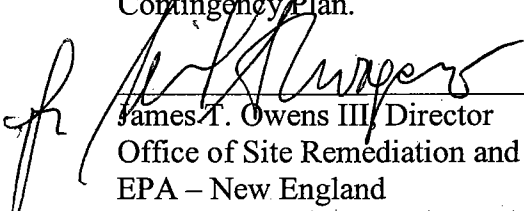
John Kilborn, EPA	Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-7
Tim Conway, EPA	Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-8
Rose Howell, EPA	Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-9
Holly Inglis, EPA	Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-10
Mike Gorski, MDEP	Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-11
Sue Steenstrup, MDEP	Property Owner – Parcel I7-99-000
Anna Symington, MDEP	Property Owner – Parcel I8-4-2, -3, -4
Jane Rothchild, MDEP	Property Owner – Parcel I8-4-6
Nancy Harper, MA AG	Property Owner – Parcel I8-4-101
Dale Young, MA EEOEA	Property Owner – Parcel I8-4-201/202
K.C. Mitkevicius, USACE	Property Owner – Parcel I8-24-301
Mayor James Ruberto, City of Pittsfield	Property Owner – Parcel I9-4-12
Andy Silfer, GE	
Mike Carroll, GE	
Rod McLaren, GE	
James Nuss, ARCADIS	
James Bieke, Goodwin Procter	
Linda Palmieri, Weston Solutions	
Public Information Repository (Berkshire Athenaeum)	
Christopher Ferry, ASRC	
Property Owner – Parcel I6-1-66	
Property Owner – Parcel I6-1-67	
Property Owner – Parcel I6-1-102	
Property Owner – Parcel I6-1-105	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-1-2	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-1	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-2	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-3	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-4	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-20	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-26	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-30	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-31	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-32	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-33	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-35 & I7-2-36	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-44	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-45	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-2-46	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-1	
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Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-4	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-5	
Property Owner – Parcel I7-3-6	

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
FOR THE REMOVAL ACTION FOR THE HOUSATONIC RIVER FLOODPLAIN —
CURRENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO 1½ MILE REACH
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 Removal Action for Housatonic River Floodplain — Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1½ Mile Reach*, dated July 2008, prepared and submitted by the General Electric Company, that the Removal Action for Housatonic River Floodplain — Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1½ Mile Reach, excluding Post-Removal Site Control activities, has been performed in accordance with the Consent Decree and that the soil-related Performance Standards for Removal Action for the Housatonic River Floodplain — Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1½ Mile Reach have been achieved. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the above-referenced *Final Completion Report* and concurs with EPA that the Removal Action for Housatonic River Floodplain — Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1½ Mile Reach, excluding Post-Removal Site Control activities, has been performed in accordance with the Consent Decree and that the soil-related Performance Standards for the Removal Action have been achieved.

This certificate constitutes the Certificate of Completion for the Removal Action for Housatonic River Floodplain — Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1½ Mile Reach 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. 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 Removal Action for Housatonic River Floodplain — Current Residential Properties Adjacent to 1½ Mile Reach, 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

8/27/08
Date