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Department of Environmental Protection
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**Re: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site
East Street Area 1-North (GEC130)
Summary of 2008 Conditional Solution Inspection Activities**

Dear Mr. Tagliaferro and Ms. Steenstrup:

On November 25, 2008, the General Electric Company (GE) performed an inspection of properties located within the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action Area (RAA) at which Conditional Solutions have been implemented under the Consent Decree (CD) for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site. These properties are Parcel K10-14-1 and a portion of Parcel K11-1-15. The 2008 inspection was conducted in accordance with Paragraphs 36 and 38 and Appendix Q of the CD and GE's *Final Completion Report for the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action* (Final Completion Report; September 2005).

As part of these activities, GE reviewed the most recent property records from the Pittsfield Tax Assessor's Office, as well as the deed records at the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds, and determined there has not been a change in ownership of any of the parcels subject to a Conditional Solution since the last Conditional Solution inspection of these properties in November 2007. In addition, GE reviewed the Revised Conceptual Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan (January 6, 2004), which describes the Conditional Solution, as well as Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report, which depicts the most current site features and topography.

GE also conducted a visual site inspection of each property (to the extent possible given access limitations) to evaluate whether any of the following have occurred since the last Conditional Solution inspection in November 2007:

- Any change in activities or uses of the property that would be potentially inconsistent with the land use for which the Conditional Solution was implemented (i.e., commercial/industrial);
- Installation of a new utility or repair or replacement of an existing utility that involved disturbance of soil;

- Any excavations, construction, or other activities or conditions that resulted in the disturbance of 10 cubic yards of soil or greater, regardless of depth; and
- If any of the activities in the two preceding bullets are noted, any alteration of the surface grade, compared to that shown in Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report.

The results of the November 2008 inspection were documented in an Annual Inspection Checklist for each property. Copies of the completed forms are attached. As documented in these forms, the property record reviews indicated that there has been no change in ownership of these properties. In addition, the inspection showed no visual evidence of any of the above-listed activities or conditions at these properties since the November 2007 inspection.

In accordance with the Final Completion Report, these properties will be inspected annually. Following each inspection, an inspection report will be prepared and submitted to EPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Please call me if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely

Richard Gates/EGG

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CONDITIONAL SOLUTION ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST FOR EAST STREET AREA 1-NORTH

PARCEL NUMBER K10-14-1

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti, ARCADIS
Representing: GE

Phone Number: (585) 770-4702
Review Start Date: 11/25/2008

1. Check here to confirm that the description of the Conditional Solution for this property in the Revised Conceptual Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan, Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report (or, if available, a more current drawing of the surface grade of the property), and any subsequent work plan(s) approved and implemented pursuant to Paragraph 35 of the Consent Decree have been reviewed.

2. Check here to confirm that the most recent property records from the Pittsfield Tax Assessor's Office for this property have been reviewed.

3. Has there been a change in ownership of this property?
 No
 Yes - If yes, list the new owner's name and mailing address below and indicate whether a notice of the Conditional Solution has been or will be sent to the new owner.

4. Review Completed Date: 12/2/2008

VISUAL SITE INSPECTION

Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti, ARCADIS
Representing: GE

Phone Number: (585) 770-4702
Inspection Start Date: 11/25/2008

1. List other individuals and their company/agency that were present during the visual site inspection.
None

2. Is there any visual evidence of changes in activities and uses of the property since the last inspection that are potentially inconsistent with the land use for which the Conditional Solution was implemented (i.e., commercial/industrial use)?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below.

3. Is there any visual evidence of installation of a new utility or repair or replacement of an existing utility that involved disturbance of soil within the property since the last inspection?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

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4. Is there any visual evidence of excavations, construction, or other activities or conditions that resulted in the disturbance of 10 cubic yards of soil or greater, regardless of depth, within the property?

No

Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

5. If any of the conditions listed in the responses to Questions 3 and 4 appears to have altered the surface grade of the property compared to the surface grade shown on Figure 3 included in the Final Completion Report or the most current drawing of such grade (if available), identify the approximate area/location of such grade change on a plan.

6. Inspection Completed Date: 11/25/2008

CONDITIONAL SOLUTION ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST FOR EAST STREET AREA 1-NORTH

PARCEL NUMBER K11-1-15 (portion)

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti, ARCADIS
Representing: GE

Phone Number: (585) 770-4702
Review Start Date: 11/25/2008

1. Check here to confirm that the description of the Conditional Solution for this property in the Revised Conceptual Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan, Figure 3 of the Final Completion Report (or, if available, a more current drawing of the surface grade of the property), and any subsequent work plan(s) approved and implemented pursuant to Paragraph 35 of the Consent Decree have been reviewed.

2. Check here to confirm that the most recent property records from the Pittsfield Tax Assessor's Office for this property have been reviewed.

3. Has there been a change in ownership of this property?
 No
 Yes - If yes, list the new owner's name and mailing address below and indicate whether a notice of the Conditional Solution has been or will be sent to the new owner.

4. Review Completed Date: 12/2/2008

VISUAL SITE INSPECTION

Conducted By: Paolo Filippetti, ARCADIS
Representing: GE

Phone Number: (585) 770-4702
Inspection Start Date: 11/25/2008

1. List other individuals and their company/agency that were present during the visual site inspection.
None

2. Is there any visual evidence of changes in activities and uses of the property since the last inspection that are potentially inconsistent with the land use for which the Conditional Solution was implemented (i.e., commercial/industrial use)?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below.

3. Is there any visual evidence of installation of a new utility or repair or replacement of an existing utility that involved disturbance of soil within the property since the last inspection?
 No
 Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

CONDITIONAL SOLUTION ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST FOR EAST STREET AREA 1-NORTH

4. Is there any visual evidence of excavations, construction, or other activities or conditions that resulted in the disturbance of 10 cubic yards of soil or greater, regardless of depth, within the property?

No

Yes - If yes, describe below and show the location(s) of such activity on a plan.

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