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Mr. Richard W. Gates  
Corporate Environmental Programs  
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via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's August 22, 2008 submittal titled  
Groundwater Management Area 5, *Long-Term Monitoring Event Evaluation  
Report for Spring 2008*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced *Long-Term Monitoring Event Evaluation Report for Spring 2008* (the Report). The Report is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Report and the proposed Fall 2008 groundwater monitoring described therein, subject to the following conditions.

1. During all future monitoring events, GE shall make best efforts to measure groundwater elevations within a two-day period. Also, at the time of the collection of groundwater samples, GE shall note the groundwater elevation for each well and the flow in the Housatonic River as measured at Coltsville, and include this information in subsequent groundwater reports under the Decree.
2. GE shall continue to monitor well GMA5-10 as directed in the October 24, 2007 letter from EPA to GE that provided conditional approval of GE's report titled *Addendum to Baseline Assessment Final Report and Long-Term Monitoring Program* for Groundwater Management Area 5.

EPA reserves all of its rights under the Decree, including but not limited to, the right to perform and/or require additional sampling or response actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree. If there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as stated in the Report and the Performance Standards as stated in the Consent Decree and SOW, the Consent Decree and SOW shall control.

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

Sincerely,



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