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**Citizens Coordinating Council Meeting on December 1, 2004
for the General Electric - Pittsfield / Housatonic River Site
to focus on cleanup of Silver Lake**

BOSTON - The next meeting of the Citizens Coordinating Council for the General Electric / Housatonic River site will be on **Wednesday, December 1, 2004 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Berkshire Athenaeum Library in Pittsfield, Mass.** Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

At the meeting, EPA and General Electric representatives will make a presentation on Silver Lake, including a summary of recent and historic sampling activities undertaken to characterize the nature and extent of sediment contamination in Silver Lake and a discussion about upcoming design studies, called pilot studies, which are scheduled to begin later this winter.

As part of the Consent Decree entered into by the government and GE in 1999, Silver Lake will be capped to prevent migration of PCB-contaminated sediment from the lake into the Housatonic River.

Silver Lake is a confined 26-acre body of water with limited flow and currents that provide favorable conditions for a cap. The pilot studies, both a small-scale laboratory study and a field study in a portion of the lake, will provide additional information on how to best design and place the cap.

In addition, representatives from the EPA, General Electric, MA DEP and the Natural Resource Trustees will update the Council on various aspects of the cleanup project including new information contained in the Final Ecological Risk Assessment for the Housatonic River, which is currently open for public comment.

The meeting space is fully accessible. Should you have special needs or questions about the meeting, please contact Angela Bonarrigo at 617-918-1034.

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