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Mr. Richard W. Gates
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's March 2007 submittal titled *Revised Supplemental Soil Evaluation Report and Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan Addendum for Selected Phase 2 Floodplain Properties Adjacent to the 1 ½ Mile Reach of the Housatonic River*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's March 2007 submittal titled *Revised Supplemental Soil Evaluation Report and Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan Addendum for Selected Phase 2 Floodplain Properties Adjacent to the 1 ½ Mile Reach of the Housatonic River* (the "Report"). This 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 above-referenced Report, subject to the following conditions:

1. The schedule of forthcoming documents and activities shall be revised as follows:
 - a. GE shall select a remediation contractor within 30 days of the date of this letter.
 - b. GE shall submit the Supplemental Information Package (SIP) to EPA within 21 days of selection of a remediation contractor.
 - c. GE shall initiate on-site remediation activities within 14 days of EPA's approval of the SIP, unless GE notifies EPA that, after using "best efforts" as defined in the CD, GE was unable to obtain access from property owners.
 - d. GE shall submit separate draft Final Completion Reports for the 1 ½ Mile Floodplain Residential Properties and the 1 ½ Mile Floodplain non-Residential Properties to EPA

within 90 days of completion of remediation and restoration activities at the Phase 2 floodplain properties (exclusive of post-removal site control activities).

2. GE shall submit revised PCB Spatial Averaging Evaluation Tables and Polygon Maps for Parcels I8-4-2,-3, -4 and I8-4-7 to reflect the modifications to the proposed excavations on these parcels.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the CD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1282.

Sincerely,



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Property Owner - Parcels I8-4-201 & 202

Property Owner - Parcels I8-4-2, 3, and 4