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Mr. Andrew Silber
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's *Second Interim Pre-Design Investigation Report - Phase 3 Floodplain Properties, Groups 3A&3B*, GE- Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silber:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced *Second Interim Pre-Design Investigation Report - Phase 3 Floodplain Properties, Groups 3A&3B* dated February 10, 2005 (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 above-referenced submittal.

GE shall submit the Final RD/RA Work Plan for the Phase 3 Floodplain Properties, Groups 3A & 3B to EPA by April 15, 2005.

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

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Lovely".

William Lovely
GE Facility Project Manager

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