



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer  
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's Floodplain Residential and Non-Residential Properties Adjacent to 1 ½ Mile Reach of Housatonic River Work Plan Addendum-Phase 4 Floodplain Properties, Group 4B and 4C  
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the *Floodplain Residential and Non-Residential Properties Adjacent to 1 ½ Mile Reach of Housatonic River Work Plan Addendum- Phase 4 Floodplain Properties, Group 4B and 4C* (Work Plan Addendum), submitted on December 15, 2004. The Work Plan Addendum 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 Work Plan Addendum subject to the conditions presented below.

1. On Parcel I6-1-66, GE shall change the non-PCB sampling depth from 7-9 feet to 3-5 feet at location 4B-SB-9, and from 3-5 feet to 7-9 feet at location 4B-SB-10.
2. On Parcel I6-1-67, GE shall change the non-PCB sampling depth from 7-9 feet to 5-7 feet at location 4B-SB-2, and from 5-7 feet to 7-9 feet at location 4B-SB-4. GE shall also move PCB sampling location 4B-SS-6 approximately 30 feet towards the northwest corner of the eastern averaging area for this parcel.
3. On Parcel I6-1-103, GE shall change the non-PCB sampling depth from 1-3 feet to 3-6 at location 4C-SB-27, and from 3-6 feet to 1-3 feet at location 4C-SB-3.

4. On Parcel I6-1-104, GE shall change the non-PCB sampling depth from 10-15 feet to 3-6 feet at location 4C-SB-5, and from 3-6 feet to 10-15 feet at location 4C-SB-6.

GE shall initiate the sampling presented in this Work Plan Addendum, as modified by EPA's conditions, following receipt of this letter. GE shall also submit a Pre-Design Investigation Report within three months of the date of this letter.

EPA reserves its right to perform and/or require additional sampling and/or Response Actions, if necessary, in the floodplain parcels located in the 1 ½ Mile Reach of the Housatonic River to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

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

Sincerely,



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