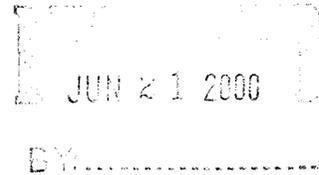


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**RE: Conditional Approval of GE's May 19 and June 5, 2000 submittals regarding  
additional DNAPL Investigations at the Newell Street II Site/GMA 1  
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site**

On May 19, 2000, General Electric (GE) submitted a document to EPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) entitled *Additional DNAPL Investigation at Newell Street II- Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Areas*. Based on subsequent discussions with EPA, GE submitted a letter on June 5, 2000 entitled *GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site Plant Site Groundwater Management Area (GECD310) Additional DNAPL Investigation at Newell Street Area II* that modified the May 19 submittal. These submittals are subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree that was lodged in District Court on October 7, 1999 (the "Consent Decree"). Pursuant to Paragraph 73(b) of the Consent Decree, EPA, after consulting with the Massachusetts DEP, approves the above-referenced submittal subject to the following condition:

1. The proposed automated DNAPL recovery system for well N2SC-14 shall be operational by September 5, 2000.
2. GE shall perform manual recovery of DNAPL from well N2SC-14 for a minimum of one hour per week until the automated recovery system becomes operational.
3. GE shall perform manual recovery of DNAPL from wells N2SC-13I, N2SC-13S, and N2SC-15 if DNAPL is detected a thicknesses greater than 0.5 feet.
4. GE shall maintain weekly monitoring requirements for wells N2SC-13I, N2SC-13S, and N2SC-15 until such time that GE proposes, and EPA approves, an alternate monitoring frequency.

EPA's approval of this submittal does not preclude EPA from requiring additional investigations and response activities pursuant to the Consent Decree and/or the *Statement of Work for Removal*

*Actions Outside the River* (Appendix E to the Consent Decree) in the future. Furthermore, in the event the Consent Decree does not get entered by the Court, EPA reserves the right to require additional investigations and response activities pursuant to its statutory and regulatory authorities reserved under the Consent Decree including, but not limited to, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA").

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Tagliaferro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dean" being particularly prominent.

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