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Mr. Bryan Olson
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**Re: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site
Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area (GECD310)
Modifications to Baseline Monitoring Program**

Dear Mr. Olson:

In the July 2002 *Plant Site 1 Groundwater Management Area Groundwater Quality Interim Report for Spring 2002*, the General Electric Company (GE) included proposals to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to modify certain activities for the remainder of the baseline groundwater quality monitoring program. The proposed modifications included the elimination of analysis for pesticides and herbicides at GMA 1 (excluding the Lyman Street Area), and the substitution of East Street Area 2-South well 52 for well ES2-17 as a general source area sentinel well.

The status of those proposals was discussed with EPA on September 27, 2002. On October 1, 2002, EPA provided approval via electronic mail to delete pesticide and herbicide analyses at all GMA 1 wells except for Lyman Street Area well LSSC-08, and approved the substitution of well 52 for well ES2-17 in a follow-up electronic transmission on October 2, 2002. With these approvals, GE will proceed with the fall 2002 baseline sampling and analysis activities.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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