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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's March 2007 submittal titled *Supplemental Soil Gas Migration Assessment Report and Sampling Plan – Groundwater Management Area 3*, 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 *Supplemental Soil Gas Migration Assessment Report and Sampling Plan – Groundwater Management Area 3* (the "Report and Sampling Plan"). This letter 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 Report and Sampling Plan, subject to the following conditions:

1. GE shall determine which possible migration pathways identified in the Report and Sampling Plan (including but not limited to floor slab penetrations, manholes, cracks, pump pits, floor drains, and where a concrete floor slab is not present) may be an unsealed penetration to the underlying soil. For each migration pathway that GE determines may be an unsealed penetration to the underlying soil, GE shall make every effort to seal those penetrations.
2. If any potential migration pathways are identified as unsealed penetrations to the underlying soil but cannot be readily sealed, GE shall propose measures and a schedule to collect, and analyze for VOCs, representative soil gas samples from within the potential pathways.
3. GE shall conduct soil gas and indoor air sampling as described in the Report and Sampling Plan. The sampling and analysis shall be conducted, and the results shall be included with the GMA 3 groundwater monitoring report for Fall 2007. GE shall conduct soil gas and indoor air sampling annually thereafter and submit the results along

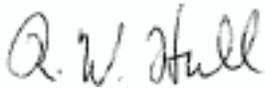
with the fall groundwater monitoring reports for GMA 3 during each subsequent year, unless and until otherwise proposed by GE and approved by EPA.

GE shall implement the requirements specified in condition 1 above and prepare a report detailing the results of the unsealed penetration determination, activities conducted to seal observed penetrations and pathways, measures to be implemented to address those unsealed penetrations that have not been or cannot be sealed, including the collection of VOC samples per condition 2 above, and a schedule for implementing the measures. The report shall be submitted within 30 days of this approval. Also, as specified in condition 3 above, GE shall conduct subsurface soil gas and indoor air monitoring, as well as conduct an inventory of products as specified in the Report and Sampling Plan, and include the results of the monitoring and the inventory with the periodic groundwater monitoring reports for GMA 3 for Fall 2007 and in subsequent years.

EPA reserves all of its rights under the CD, including but not limited to, the 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) 918-1882.

Sincerely,



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