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Mr. Richard W. Gates, Remediation Project Manager
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: EPA Conditional Approval of General Electric's February 27, 2008, submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 4 (GECD340) Groundwater Quality Monitoring Interim Report for Fall 2007*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's February 27, 2008, submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 4 (GECD340) Groundwater Quality Monitoring Interim Report for Fall 2007* (the "Report"). 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 February 27, 2008, Report, subject to the following conditions:

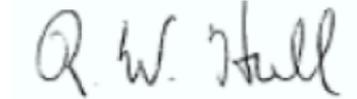
1. The groundwater sampling log for the sample collected from well H78B-17R on October 11, 2007, indicated a pH of greater than 15 S.U. during the purging and at the time of sample collection. The groundwater sampling log contains no explanation or contingencies implement as a result of the elevated pH levels. In the future, GE shall provide explanation for water quality parameters measured outside of the expected range and shall detail in the groundwater sampling log, as well as in the groundwater monitoring report, any contingency measure taken. Note that the issue of pH monitoring and field notes was cited as condition 1 in EPA's October 24, 2007 CAL for the Spring 2007 Groundwater monitoring report for GMA 3.
2. In its next groundwater monitoring round submittal, GE shall evaluate the MDEP's revised MCP GW-2 and GW-3 standards which became effective on February 14, 2008, and shall discuss what additional measures will be implemented to address and comply with the revised standards.

3. In addition to the semi-annual groundwater elevation contours presented in the Report, GE shall collect quarterly groundwater elevation data synchronous with Allendale School groundwater elevation data collection at least through fall 2008, in order to assess possible seasonal variations.

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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