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Mr. Andrew Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's submittal titled *2006 Addendum to OPCA Work Plan*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

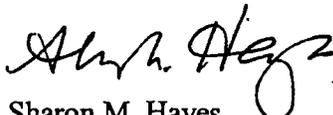
This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above referenced *2006 Addendum to OPCA Work Plan* (Addendum) dated April 13, 2006. The Addendum is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Addendum. Approval of the Addendum, however, does not constitute approval of GE's proposed Hill 78 OPCA footprint modification that shall be included in a forthcoming Fourth Modification of the CD.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1328.

Sincerely,


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