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Re: **GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site**
Building 71 On-Plant Consolidation Area (GECD200)
EPA Approval of Proposed Design Modifications

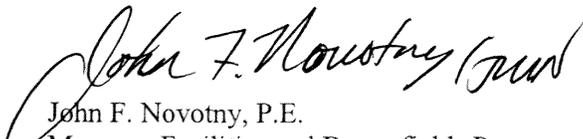
Dear Mr. Olson:

In a letter dated August 28, 2002, the General Electric Company (GE) provided to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) technical design information for a proposed modification to the Building 71 On-Plant Consolidation Area (OPCA). The proposed modification --- involving the construction of either a gabion or Keystone Block retaining wall along a portion of the OPCA --- was identified to provide continued/future access to an existing water supply well owned and operated by the Pittsfield Generating Company.

Subsequent to that letter, verbal approval of the proposed modification was provided by Mr. Michael Nalipinski of EPA on September 12, 2002 (via voice mail message).

GE appreciates EPA's prompt review of the proposed OPCA design modification and will continue to communicate additional information regarding this and other OPCA matters as they are identified.

Sincerely,


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