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

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's Floodplain Residential and Non-Residential Properties Adjacent to 1 ½ Mile Reach of Housatonic River Proposal for Non-PCB Pre-Design Investigations- Phase 4 Floodplain Properties, Group 4A-Parcel I7-1-101  
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the *Floodplain Residential and Non-Residential Properties Adjacent to 1 ½ Mile Reach of Housatonic River Proposal for Non-PCB Investigations- Phase 4 Floodplain Properties, Group 4A - Parcel I7-1-101* (Proposal), submitted on December 15, 2004. The Proposal 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 Proposal subject to the conditions presented below.

1. Section 2 of the Proposal states that GE proposes to analyze the non-PCB samples for Appendix IX semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), inorganics, polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDDs/PCDFs). Because there is currently no historic soil data for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) on Parcel I7-1-101, GE shall also include VOC analysis at the following non-PCB sampling locations: 4A-SB-3, 4A-SB-5, 4A-SB-6, 4A-SB-12, 4A-SB-15, and 4A-SB-17. Non-PCB samples shall be collected from the 1- to 3-foot depth interval at sampling locations 4A-SB-5, 4A-SB-12, and 4A-SB-17, and from the 3- to 6-foot interval at sampling locations 4A-SB-3, 4A-SB-6, and 4A-SB-15.

2. GE shall move sample location 4A-SB-3 approximately 30 feet inward from Pomeroy Avenue, change the sampling interval at location 4A-SB-3 from 6-10 feet to 10-15 feet, and change the sampling interval at location 4A-SB-6 from 10-15 feet to 6-10 feet.

GE shall initiate the sampling presented in this Proposal, as modified by EPA's conditions, following receipt of this letter. Consistent with EPA's December 3, 2004 conditional approval letter, GE shall also submit a Pre-Design Investigation Report within three months of the date of this letter.

EPA reserves its right to perform and/or require additional sampling and/or Response Actions, if necessary, in the floodplain parcels located in the 1 ½ Mile Reach of the Housatonic River to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1240.

Sincerely,



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