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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 July 17, 2007, submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 3 LNAPL Recovery Assessment – Spring 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 July 17, 2007 submittal titled *Groundwater Management Area 3 LNAPL Recovery Assessment – Spring 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 Report, subject to the following conditions:

1. GE shall construct a new 4-inch diameter LNAPL recovery well near monitoring well 59-3R that will accommodate a belt skimmer similar to the system installed and used in well 51-21. GE shall assess the formation of the subsurface where the recovery well will be constructed and shall consider the use of as large a filter sand as possible, rather than standard #0 sand, in order to offer the least resistance to LNAPL flow.
2. GE shall operate the new LNAPL recovery well as described in the Report and shall submit an assessment of the results of LNAPL recovery after one year of operation.

GE shall install the new LNAPL recovery well within 60 days of the date of this letter.

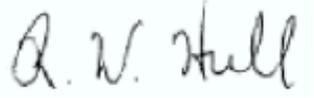
Following installation, GE shall add the new well to its weekly NAPL monitoring program and manually remove any recoverable quantities of LNAPL until the skimmer system is installed and activated. The assessment of the results of LNAPL recovery from the well, to be conducted after one year of operation, shall be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the first year of operation.

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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