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Mr. Richard W. Gates
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via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's February 28, 2011 submittal titled
Groundwater Management Area 5, *Long-Term Monitoring Program Monitoring Event
Evaluation Report for Fall 2010*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced *Long-Term Monitoring Program Monitoring Event Evaluation Report for Fall 2010* (the Report). The Report 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 submit an annual report until such time that GE proposes, and EPA approves, the termination of the GMA-5 groundwater program. GE shall submit such report no later than February 28 of each year. This report shall include up-to-date well survey and maintenance information, updates of the Former Elm Street Mobil Site (such as described in Section 3.5.1) and of the Barbalunga Site (such as described in Section 3.5.2), and a figure showing well locations and the most recent groundwater elevation contours as given in the Report unless more up-to-date data is collected. The updates of the Former Elm Street Mobil Site and the Barbalunga Site shall continue to include all summaries of analytical data, reports, and decision documents pertaining to these sites.
2. GE shall ensure that all monitoring well maintenance activities are up-to-date and shall provide updated well survey data in the next report that reflects the most recent survey activity (January 3, 2011 as of the date of this letter) as well as any updated well maintenance information.

EPA reserves all of its rights under the Decree, including but not limited to, the right to perform and/or require additional sampling, or response actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree. If there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as stated in the

Report and the Performance Standards as stated in the Consent Decree and SOW, the Consent Decree and SOW shall control.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1721.

Sincerely,



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