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Mr. Richard W. Gates
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General Electric Company
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via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's December 20, 2011 submittal titled On-Plant Consolidation Areas, *Final Cover Slope Repair Summary*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced *Final Cover Slope Repair Summary* (the Summary). The Summary 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 Summary.

As required in EPA's conditional approval of GE's October 26, 2011 proposal for this repair work, GE shall note that should these repairs and corrective measures not adequately address runoff, infiltration, or erosion in these areas, that GE will be required to implement additional corrective measures.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Fisher".

Richard Fisher
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