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Mr. Kevin Mooney
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**RE: 2008 Annual Monitoring Report — Revised May 2009
1½ Mile Reach Removal Action
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Mooney:

EPA has reviewed GE's *2008 Annual Monitoring Report— Revised May 2009*, prepared by Arcadis (May 2009) for the 1½ Mile Reach of the Housatonic River (the "Report"). The Report is subject to EPA approval and 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 and the Natural Resource Trustees, approves the above-referenced Report.

However, for future inspections and reports, GE shall make the following changes:


- Record and include counts for all individual tree and shrub species in all monitoring areas.
- Use updated tax Parcel IDs for all parcels and note former Parcel IDs in parenthesis. Parcels with new IDs include Parcel I8-23-103 (formerly Parcels I8-23-2&3); Parcel I8-10-102 (formerly Parcels I8-10-2&3), and Parcel I7-21-103 (formerly Parcel I7-21-3). Relabel Tax ID parcel I7-21-7 to I7-21-101 and parcel I8-21-8 to I8-4-101. For these two parcels, referencing previous parcel IDs is not necessary.
- Include all field data sheets as Appendices in future Annual Reports.

EPA reserves the right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional response actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree. Except as expressly stated, this Report and EPA's approval of this Report shall not be deemed to modify the Interim PRSC Plan and the requirements therein.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (413) 236-0969.

Mr. Kevin Mooney
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Tagliaferro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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