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Mr. Kevin Mooney  
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**RE: 2009 Inspection of Riverbank Soil Restoration, Riprap, Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Structures, and Critical Ancillary Items Report  
1½ Mile Reach Removal Action  
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Mooney:

EPA has reviewed GE's *2009 Inspection of Riverbank Soil Restoration, Riprap, Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Structures, and Critical Ancillary Items Report* prepared by Arcadis, (September 16, 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, please note that photograph 10 appears to be mis-labeled. It should have been labeled as "Phase 3 (from Pomeroy Avenue Bridge) – Wing deflector and Boulder Clusters".

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Tagliaferro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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