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EPA New England  
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September 17, 2009

Mr. Kevin Mooney  
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**RE: Summer 2009 Re-Vegetation Monitoring Report  
1½ Mile Reach Removal Action  
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Mooney:

EPA has reviewed GE's *Summer 2009 Re-Vegetation Monitoring Report* prepared by AMEC Earth and Environmental Inc. (August 27, 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 subject to the following condition:

1. The report states that GE will replant one ash tree (or an appropriate substitute species). The size of the tree caliper shall be 1.75 to 2 inches. GE shall replant the tree within this fall's planting season (that is, between September 1 and November 15) and the tree will be monitoring for survivability through 2011.

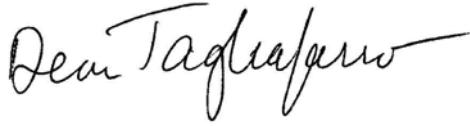
Also, please note the following:

1. Page 8. There is typo in the first sentence. "... assessment for the summer 2008 monitoring visit" should be "... assessment for the summer 2009 monitoring visit."
2. Appendix A. Photo-documentation. Photo 4. It appears that this photo is of monitoring Plot 1-E-1 or 1-E-2, not I-E-3.

A revision to this report is not required.

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 flourish extending to the right.

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