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Mr. Dean Tagliaferro
United States Environmental Protection Agency
c/o Weston Solutions
10 Lyman Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Re: GE Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site
East Street Area 1-North (GECN 130)
Notice of Anticipated Building 69 Demolition Activities**

Dear Mr. Tagliaferro:

As you know, the General Electric Company (GE) is currently preparing to demolish Building 69, located on Tax Parcel J10-8-6 in the East Street Area 1-North Removal Action Area of the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site (the Site). As you also know, the demolition and debris handling activities are not subject to the Consent Decree for the Site and accompanying *Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River*. In addition, all of the demolition debris from this building will be transported off-site to appropriate disposal facilities. Thus, these demolition and disposal activities do not require EPA approval. Rather, they will be subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and, where applicable, will be implemented in accordance with GE's *Protocols for Building Demolition and Associated Characterization Activities* (Exhibit A-1 to Attachment A to GE's Project Operations Plan [POP; March 2007]).

GE plans to implement perimeter ambient air monitoring for particulate matter during these activities consistent with the pertinent provisions of its *Ambient Air Monitoring Plan* (Attachment D to the POP). The overall scope of the air monitoring program will be consistent with other building demolition projects that GE has conducted. The specific air monitoring stations will be determined once the final schedule for demolition of the non-GE-owned building immediately east of and attached to Building 69 is determined, and specifically whether that building demolition will occur before, during, or after the demolition of Building 69. At that point, the specific air monitoring locations will be presented on a figure submitted to EPA.

In addition, once the debris has been transported for off-site disposal, GE intends to pave any unpaved portions of the slab (and to repair any damaged pavement) to be consistent with the definition of an Other Ground-Covering Feature Area under the Grant for Environmental Restriction and Easement (ERE) for East Street Area 1-North.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Richard W. Gates in cursive, with the initials 'RWN' at the end.

Richard W. Gates
Remediation Project Manager

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