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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Mr. Michael T. Carroll, Manager, Pittsfield Remediation Programs
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**RE: Conditional Approval Letter for GE's March 25, 2011 Submittal titled *Updated Proposal for Remaining Concrete Floor Slabs in and Adjacent to the 19s Complex East Street Area 2-North*
GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Carroll:

EPA has reviewed GE's March 25, 2011 submittal titled *Updated Proposal for Remaining Concrete Floor Slabs in and Adjacent to the 19s Complex* (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.

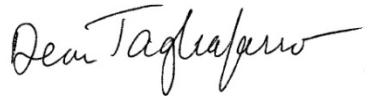
Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, approves the above-referenced Report subject to the following conditions:

1. The Slab Area boundaries shown on Figure 1 of this Report are not identical to the Slab Area boundaries shown on the draft Plan of Property and Restricted Area submitted by GE to EPA on March 8, 2011. If there is a difference between the boundaries of the Slab Areas shown on Figure 1 of this Report and boundaries depicted on the Environmental Restriction and Easement (ERE) that gets recorded at the Registry of Deeds, the latter will control.
2. Figure 2 of this Report identifies ground covering features such as grass, concrete and asphalt. The features shown on this Figure do not constitute restricted area features for purpose of the ERE or for pavement/slab features for inspection requirements.
3. The March 8, 2011 ERE for East Street Area 2-North is subject to further review and comment by EPA and Massachusetts DEP.

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 there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as stated in the Report and the Performance Standards as stated in the Consent Decree and SOW, the Consent Decree and SOW shall control.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 617.918.1282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Tagliaferro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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