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**Re: GE Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site
Unkamet Brook Area (GECN 170)
Buildings 52 and 53 (Quonset Huts) Demolition and Debris Disposition**

Dear Mr. Fisher:

As you know, Building 52, located in the Unkamet Brook Area of the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site (the Site), collapsed in early 2011 due to excessive snow loading on its roof. As a result, the General Electric Company (GE) is preparing to (i) remove the debris resulting from the collapse, (ii) transport such debris to an appropriate off-site disposal facility, and (iii) restore the former building footprint, as necessary, to retain its status as a paved area that will constitute part of the Other Ground-Covering Feature Area under the future Grant of Environmental Restriction and Easement (ERE) for this portion of the Site. In parallel with these activities, GE also plans to demolish the adjacent Building 53 and transport the demolition debris from that building to an appropriate off-site disposal facility.

While the demolition and debris handling activities themselves are not subject to the Consent Decree for the Site and accompanying *Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River*, GE nonetheless plans to implement perimeter ambient air monitoring for particulate matter during these activities consistent with its *Ambient Air Monitoring Plan* (Attachment D to the *Project Operations Plan* [March 2007]). This letter serves to notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of the approximate locations of the particulate ambient air monitoring stations to be used during the upcoming demolition, debris removal, and disposition activities associated with Buildings 52 and 53. Those locations are shown on the attached Figure 1.

In addition, once the debris from each building has been removed, the former building footprints will be inspected for evidence of excessive cracking, fissures, spalling, rutting, and exposed subgrade material; and where necessary, they will be patched with pavement so that they will maintain their status as part of the Other Ground-Covering Feature Area under the future ERE.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

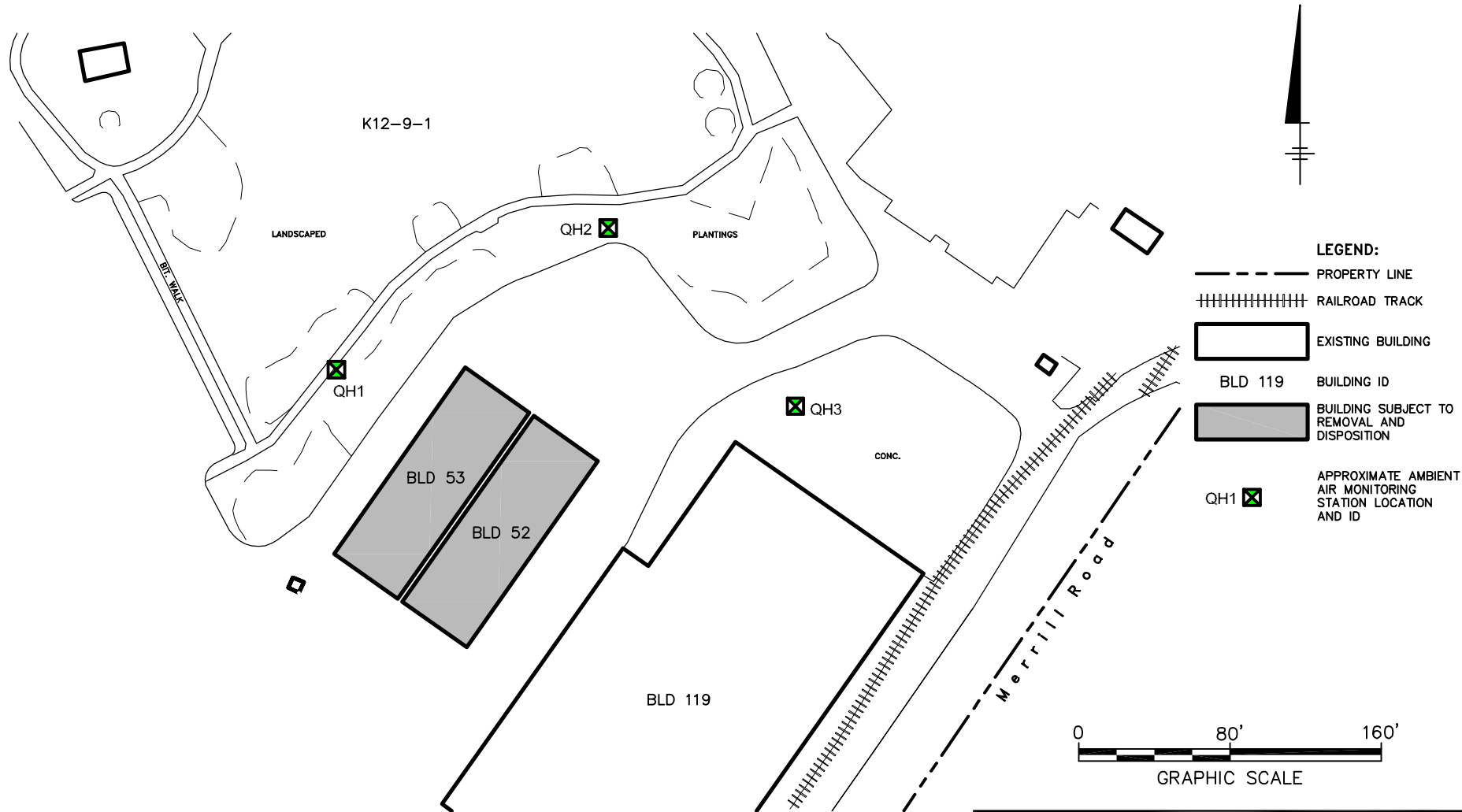
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Attachment

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1. THE BASE MAP FEATURES PRESENTED ON THIS FIGURE ARE FROM ELECTRONIC COPY OF SURVEY DRAWINGS GE-1110-006-CX101-M(REV 12-2-08) AND GE-1110-009-CX101-M(REV 1-8-09) PROVIDED BY HILL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS.
2. HORIZONTAL DATUM IS NAD 27 AND VERTICAL DATUM IS NGVD 29 BASED UPON CONTROL POINTS PROVIDED BY ARCADIS AND FORESIGHT LAND SERVICES.
3. THE LOCATIONS OF AIR MONITORING STATIONS SHOWN ON THIS DRAWING ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY. ACTUAL LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON SITE CONDITIONS AT THE TIME OF BUILDING DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION.
4. THE BACKGROUND AMBIENT AIR MONITORING STATION IS LOCATED JUST EAST OF BUILDING 9B IN THE EAST STREET AREA 2-NORTH REMOVAL ACTION AREA.

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UNKAMET BROOK AREA - WEST

**BUILDINGS 52 AND 53 AMBIENT AIR
 MONITORING STATION LOCATIONS**



FIGURE

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