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Mr. Richard W. Gates  
Corporate Environmental Programs  
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via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's August 30, 2011 submittal titled Groundwater Management Area 4, *Groundwater Quality Monitoring Interim Report for Spring 2011*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced *Groundwater Quality Monitoring Interim Report for Spring 2011* (the Report). The Report 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 (MDEP), approves the Report.

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 you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1721.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Fisher".

Richard Fisher  
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