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March 1, 2007

Mr. Michael T. Carroll  
Remediation Project Manager  
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Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

Re: Site Number GESD02  
Housatonic River – West Branch  
Conditional Approval of Second Addendum to Second Supplemental Sampling Summary Report and Remedial Action Proposal and Supplement to Second Addendum to Second Supplemental Sampling Summary Report and Remedial Action Proposal

Dear Mr. Carroll:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) has reviewed the reports titled *Second Addendum to Second Supplemental Sampling Summary Report and Remedial Action Proposal for the West Branch of the Housatonic River*, dated February 16, 2007, and *Supplement to Second Addendum to Second Supplemental Sampling Summary Report and Remedial Action Proposal for the West Branch of the Housatonic River*, (the Supplement), dated February 26, 2007. The reports were prepared by Arcadis BBL, Inc. for the General Electric Company (GE).

The Department approves the Reports with the following condition:

In the Supplement, GE proposes to submit a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) within 30 days (or 45 days if analysis of "held" samples is necessary) after receipt of the later of: (a) the Department's approval of the Supplement; or, (b) Pittsfield Conservation Commission approval for the additional sampling proposed in the Supplement. GE shall submit the RAWP to the Department within 30 days of the date of this letter if analysis of the held samples is not necessary, and within 45 days if analysis of these samples is necessary. If GE has difficulty obtaining access or obtaining approval from the Conservation Commission, GE shall notify the Department promptly, and the Department will consider extending the deadline for the submission of the RAWP.

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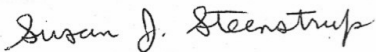
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If you have any questions regarding these matters please contact Joanne Flescher at (413) 755-2292.

Sincerely,



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