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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer, P.E.
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**RE: Conditional Approval of GE's submittal entitled *Seepage Meter Protocol*
Upper ½-Mile Reach Removal Action
General Electric-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site**

Dear Mr. Silfer:

On January 20, 2003, GE submitted the above-referenced document to EPA for approval. EPA has completed its review of the submittal and pursuant to the Upper ½-Mile Reach Removal Action Work Plan and Paragraph 73.a of the Consent Decree, EPA, after consulting with the Massachusetts DEP, is hereby approving the submittal without conditions.

EPA's approval of this submittal does not preclude EPA from requiring additional investigations and response activities pursuant to the Consent Decree, the Upper ½-Mile Reach Removal Action Work Plan and/or the *Statement of Work for Removal Actions Outside the River* (Appendix E to the Consent Decree).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (413) 236-0969.

Sincerely,


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