

**Public Input on General Electric's Baseline  
Monitoring Program: Data Summary Report for  
2024**

**November 2025 – February 2026**

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February 2, 2026

Mr. Josh Fontaine  
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Dear Mr. Fontaine:

On behalf of the Select Board and PCB Advisory Committee, please see the following comments from the Town of Lee regarding the *Baseline Monitoring Program (BMP)*.

OVERVIEW: GE is required to conduct a Baseline Monitoring Program (BMP) in accordance with the Revised Final Permit . The BMP includes collection of surface water, sediment, and biota samples for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) to serve as a baseline for evaluation of potential impacts due to remediation activities and project operations as well as providing data for the model reevaluation plan. Baseline monitoring began in 2023 with the collection of surface water and fish samples. Baseline monitoring activities continued in 2024 and included collection and analysis of surface water, fish, sediment, waterfowl, and benthic invertebrate samples. This provides comments from Town of Lee, MA.

COMMENTS:

It should be noted that the 2024 BDSR is a data transmittal document, no evaluation or interpretation of the data was provided by Anchor QEA, Inc.

- 1) Given that baseline surface water and fish samples were collected in 2023, it would be helpful to have a tabulated summary of all baseline data.*
- 2) The average PCB flux for Woods Pond Dam was not calculated/provided in the 2024 BDSR. Is PCB flux provided in another document?*
- 3) While not required, it would be helpful to provide the biota performance standards from the BMP for comparison to the baseline data.*
- 4) We suggest that Table 2-2 be amended to indicate that PCB concentrations are "Total PCB Congeners" and similarly, that Tables 2-5 and 2-9a be amended to indicate that PCB concentrations are "Total PCB Aroclors".*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RCS", enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

**R. Christopher Brittain**  
*Town Administrator*