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RE: ECOLOGICAL FIELD STUDY - ECOLOGICAL VALUE AND FOOD WEB
STRUCTURE OF THE AQUATIC VEGETATION COMMUNITIES OF THE
UPPER HUDSON RIVER

Dear Ron and Doug:

As we mentioned in our July meeting in New York City, the General Electric Company (GE) has retained PTI Environmental Services to perform an investigation of the aquatic communities in a portion of the Upper Hudson River. The two primary purposes of the work will be to investigate the ecological values (habitat and food) of the submerged aquatic vegetation beds and to provide site specific data on the food web structure. This information will allow evaluation of the impacts that invasive remedial options would have on the aquatic community and to calibrate key components of the food chain model being developed by HydroQual. This field work will provide information critically important to a sound remedial decision.

For your information, find attached the following work plans that further describe these efforts:

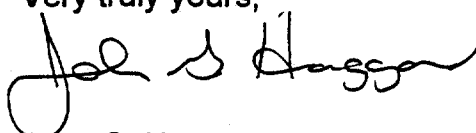
- (1) Ecological Value and Food Web Structure of Aquatic Vegetation Communities in the upper Hudson River: Study Plan;
- (2) Ecological Value and Food Wed Structure of Aquatic Vegetation Communities in the upper Hudson River: Field Sampling Plan.

PTI is currently performing these tasks and we hope to complete the field potion of this work by the end of August.

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If you have any questions or comments let me know. Please place these documents in the site Administrative Record.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Haggard", written in a cursive style.

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