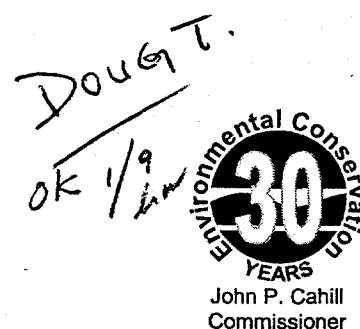


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Dear Mr. Caspe:

RE: GE Hudson Falls

I am writing regarding the remediation of General Electric Company's ("GE") Hudson Falls Plant.

As you know, I approved a revised schedule for GE to submit a Feasibility Study for Operable Units 2C and 2D by March 2, 2001, which will include a discussion of how the proposed remedy for those Operable Units will affect the proposed remedies for Operable Units 2A and 2B. Since this Feasibility Study will address source control remedial actions at that plant through a Consent Order issued by this Department; and since GE has been satisfactorily proceeding under that order, we see no need for USEPA to initiate an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis at this time. Rather, I request that your proposed plan reflect that the Department already has GE committed to submitting the Feasibility Study in question, which will assess remedial actions for the site, including cutting off PCB migration into the Hudson River from the Hudson Falls plant site.

Sincerely,

Michael J. O'Toole, Jr.
Director

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December 6, 2000

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Re: Operable Units 2C and 2D
Bedrock RI/FS Submittal Schedule
GE Hudson Falls, #558013

Dear Mr. O'Toole:

In your letter of September 22, 2000 you requested that we propose a schedule for completing the Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) for Operable Units 2C and 2D of the Hudson Falls capacitor plant. GE believes that it can submit to the Department both the Bedrock RI and FS Reports for Hudson Falls by March 2, 2001. Specifically:

- 1) The FS Report will contain the development and evaluation of several remedial alternatives including the Baker's Falls remedy discussed with the Department on August 16, 2000. Per the Department's request, the FS will consider the effects of a bedrock remedy on contaminants in Operable Units 2A and 2B (overburden soils and groundwater).
- 2) Regarding the milestone dates for completing the various remaining elements of the RI:
 - a) With the exception of the water quality data for OS-316 (John Street), the Eastern Investigation will be complete and included in the RI. The water quality results should be available by April 6, 2001. Although important to the completion of the RI, this post FS submittal should not affect the overall remedy for the bedrock. However, depending on the results of the sampling, GE will work with the Department to make appropriate amendments to the bedrock RI/FS.
 - b) Drilling is currently underway to determine the southerly extent of the oil within the bedrock. The work should be completed by January 2001. The findings will likely influence design details of the

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Dear Mr. Haggard:

RE: Your letter to me dated December 6, 2000

This replies to the subject letter.

I find acceptable your proposed revised schedule to submit a Feasibility Study for Operable Units 2C and 2D by March 2, 2001, which will include a discussion of how the proposed remedy for those Operable Units will affect the proposed remedies for Operable Units 2A and 2B.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. O'Toole, Jr.'.

Michael J. O'Toole, Jr.

Director

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cc: R. Caspe
B. MacDonald

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