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RE: Hudson River RI/FS - Availability of Information/Administrative Record

Dear Mr. Tomchuk:

During a recent telephone conversation, we discussed the availability of information for the Hudson River Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Study ("RI/FS"). I would like to reiterate General Electric's (GE) concerns with the need to have this information available. This will be particularly important when the Phase I report is released.

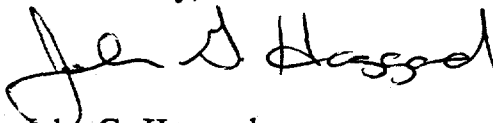
As you are aware, there appears to be a significant amount of information on the Hudson River, with a large amount of it potentially unavailable or difficult to obtain. In order to make meaningful comment on the Phase I report, GE will need to have, in a timely way, access to all the information relied upon or considered by the EPA during the Phase I RI/FS. You mentioned that some of the data would potentially be available on an electronic data base. This will be very helpful. However, we will also need access to the reports and background documents that contain the data so we will be able to understand how the data was collected and analyzed. We also need to have access to data (reports) that you have decided not to include in your data base in order to evaluate the impact of excluding the information in the analysis.

We would like access to this information as soon as possible. We are not certain why the EPA does not yet have an administrative record for the Hudson River RI/FS. Due to the magnitude of the existing reports and information concerning the Hudson River, we are concerned that GE and other commentators will rightly have to request an extension to the comment period if the EPA does not make these reports and information available at the beginning of the comment period for the Phase I

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report. Please contact me at (518) 458-9108 if you have any questions concerning this request.

Yours Truly,

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