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Ms. Lori J. Rounds, Project Coordinator
NEES Companies
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Dear Lori,

This letter is to acknowledge EPA's receipt of the GEI Consultants, Inc.'s September 24, 1999 response to EPA/Corps comments on the document entitled "Draft Final Construction Complete Report, Area WA-1, Salem Acres Superfund Site, Salem, MA", dated August 31, 1999 and prepared by T. Ford Company, Inc. (T. Ford) for the Massachusetts Electric Company (MEC). The comments were adequately addressed and the revised document, dated September 24, 1999 incorporates the revisions. EPA approves this document and considers it final.

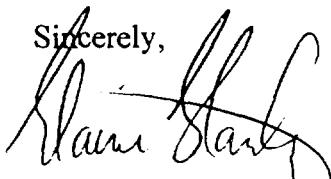
Also, EPA received a document entitled "Draft Final Remedial Construction Report, Area SL-4, Salem Acres Superfund Site, Salem, MA, dated July 18, 1996, and prepared by T. Ford for MEC for the remediation of the SL-4 fly ash pile. EPA reviewed the report and provided comments at that time. This document may be considered the final construction report for Area SL-4.

Finally, EPA is in receipt of a cover letter from Lori Rounds, Project Coordinator for MEC to EPA, dated October 5, 1999. This letter states that the remedial action performed for Area WA-1 was completed in full satisfaction of the requirements of the RD/RA Statement of Work (SOW) for the WA-1 Wetland Area, dated June 24, 1999 and with the requirements of the RD/RA Consent Decree between MEC and EPA (Consent Decree), dated April 8, 1994 and its existing SOW. This cover letter shall be incorporated into the September 24 report.

Based on EPA's acceptance of the above mentioned documents and in accordance with the Paragraph 51 of the Consent Decree, EPA hereby encloses a Certification of Completion entitled "Certification of Completion of the Work Performed by the Settling Defendant, the Massachusetts Electric Company, at the Salem Acres Superfund Site, Salem, Massachusetts". This certificate of completion, dated October 29, 1999, constitutes the certification of completion of the work (including the Remedial Action) for purposes of the Consent Decree, including, but not limited to, Section XXIII (Covenants Not to Sue by Plaintiffs).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (617) 918-1332.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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