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REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Ms. Klee:

Thank you for your February 13, 2018 letter to Administrator Pruitt regarding the GE-Housatonic River cleanup. Your letter focuses on two issues: the appropriate disposal of PCB-contaminated material during the cleanup, and the potential opportunity to explore different approaches that could expedite a protective cleanup. Administrator Pruitt has asked me to respond for EPA.

First, with respect to the best suited disposal alternative, the Environmental Appeals Board identified particular information for potential development by the Region while it stated that it was taking no position on the ultimate resolution of the issue. The Region is currently working to gather that information, and will evaluate that new information in the context of the overall administrative record, including the permit decision-making criteria.

Second, even as we address the issues on remand, as you know the Region is continuing to investigate all possible avenues, including mediation, that will result in a more expeditious cleanup that is satisfactory to all parties. I was encouraged by the similar objective expressed in your letter. As a further step in that direction, GE could provide more specifics relative to such an approach and how it could result in an acceptable solution to stakeholders, including state and local governments, NGOs, and other petitioners, and advance protection of public health and the environment.

We look forward to continuing a conversation with you. Please contact me if you have questions, or your staff can contact Dean Tagliaferro of my staff at 617-918-1282, or, for legal questions, Tim Conway of my staff at 617-918-1705.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn
Regional Administrator