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ENF Environmental Notification Form

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Remediation for West Branch Housatonic River		
Street: West Street		
Municipality: Pittsfield	Watershed: West Branch Housatonic River	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 42d 27' 01.59" N Longitude: 73d 15' 47.15" W	
Estimated commencement date: Summer 2008	Estimated completion date: Summer 2008	
Approximate cost: \$800,000	Status of project design:	95 %complete
Proponent: Richard Gates (General Electric Company, Inc.)		
Street: 159 Plastics Ave.		
Municipality: Pittsfield	State: MA	Zip Code: 01201
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Brian Phelps		
Firm/Agency: Hill Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc.	Street: 50 Depot St.	
Municipality: Dalton	State: MA	Zip Code: 01226
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09) Yes No
 - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
 - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres):

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify MADEP, US Army Corps of Engineers, City of Pittsfield) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Order of Conditions City of Pittsfield, Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit, 401 Water Quality Certificate, Chapter 91 License.

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i>
Total site acreage	4.3 +/-			
New acres of land altered		0.85 +/-		
Acres of impervious area	0	0	0	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		1,500 +/-		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration				
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage				
Number of housing units				
Maximum height (in feet)				
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day				
Parking spaces				
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use				
GPD water withdrawal				
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment				
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)				

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify _____) No **No conversion of any Parkland.**

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify _____) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

a) The subject site is located off of West Street in Pittsfield, MA. The subject site consists of 5 separate parcels and includes part of the West Branch of the Housatonic River. The proposed work area is shown on the attached drawing GE-1118 C-101.

The remediation work at the site encompasses approximately 24,000 square feet of Land Under a Water Body and approximately 1,500 square feet of what was delineated as BVW (Bordering Vegetated Wetlands). The entire area to be remediated is located within the 100-year floodplain and the 200-foot Riverfront Area of the West Branch of the Housatonic River.

b) Excavation limits are based on soil boring samples collected by Arcadis-BBL, Inc. The remediation work anticipated for this site is under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup and the removal limits have been approved by the MADEP. All work (clearing, excavation, restoration, etc.) has been designed and will be completed with as little impact to the environment as possible. To achieve the applicable cleanup standards, PCB-containing soils will be physically removed from the site, and will be followed by the placement of an equal volume of backfill material and subsequent surface restoration. Other alternatives were considered but excavation as the remediation technology was selected for several reasons, including:

- The need to physically remove the affected materials from the site (so that the remaining, post-remediation soils achieve the cleanup standards).
- The proven and reliable nature of soil excavation as a remediation technique. Other potential alternatives, including in-situ treatment, are as yet unproven and do not provide a guarantee that clean-up standards will be obtained.
- The ability to control the remediation in terms of removal accuracy, response to adverse/inclement conditions, limiting disruptions to the remaining site (since no significant site set-up is required), and schedule.

c) Prior to excavation, a double layer of siltfence will be installed as an erosion control measure around all areas to be remediated and around all staging/pumping areas. The siltfence will remain in place until all potential sources of erosion have stabilized and the Conservation Commission/DEP approves its removal. No work activity or equipment will be allowed inside areas protected by the siltfence.

A sheetpile dam will be installed across the West Branch of the Housatonic River. A bypass pumping station will be constructed in the lawn area towards the back of the Amos Park site. The pump will be utilized to divert the river around the work area until excavation/restoration is complete. This area will also be used for work staging and truck access. This pumping/staging area is located above the 100-Year floodplain elevation of 995, so no temporary (or eventually permanent) floodplain impact will result from utilizing this area.

All soil removal will be in accordance with the GE Remedial Action Work Plan (Entitled Remedial Action Work Plan for the West Branch of the Housatonic River prepared by Arcadis-BBI with conditional DEP approval dated August 2, 2007) and all relevant state and federal regulations. The excavated soil (both sediment and bank soils) may be transported to the GE facility in Pittsfield (approximately 3 miles away) for additional dewatering (if required) and for final transport and disposal. If additional dewatering is not required, the soil will be loaded directly onto trucks for offsite transport and disposal. In either case, all soils will ultimately be loaded into properly licensed trucks, properly identified and manifested for transport to a regulated out-of-state disposal facility.

Excavation/Restoration will be performed in as short a time as possible to minimize any environmental impacts. It is unlikely the main area of the park (including the basketball courts and swing sets etc) will not be disturbed, however portions of Amos Park will likely be used for an equipment and lay down area that will require Amos Park be closed for approximately 3 months. For public safety reasons security fencing will need to be installed around the park.

Any impact, resulting from construction or access at the park, will be restored and all grades restored to pre-construction levels. All lawn areas impacted by construction will be restored to lawn. Any bituminous areas utilized for construction access will be restored if damaged. All Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Land Under Water Body, Floodplain and Bank will be restored as required by the DEP and the City of Pittsfield Conservation Commission. There will be no loss of any Resource Areas or expansion of any bituminous surfaces.