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OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Ian Bowles, Secretary  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Bowles:

Thank you for your June 16, 2008 letter regarding the Corrective Measures Study (CMS) for the Housatonic River cleanup prepared by General Electric (GE). As a follow-up to your letter, I met with Commissioner Laurie Burt of your Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Commissioner Mary Griffin of your Department of Fish and Game on June 30. At that meeting, we discussed the CMS and your Departments' concerns, established a process for further discussions, and have scheduled follow-up meetings with staff of both Departments during the month of July.

After those staff discussions have concluded, EPA will discuss our plan for moving forward with the Commonwealth before proceeding. I also note that EPA has yet to make our own proposal on the remedy for the "Rest of River" phase of the cleanup and will consult with DEP before doing so in accordance with longstanding procedures.

I look forward to continue working together to ensure that the Commonwealth's concerns are addressed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob".

Robert W. Varney  
Regional Administrator

cc: Commissioner Laurie Burt, MassDEP  
Commissioner Mary Griffin, Mass Fish & Game

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