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 United States Environmental Protection Agency
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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report – November 2003
 General Electric Consent Decree, Civil Action No. 87-1073-jb

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

On behalf of GE Power Systems (GE), URS Corporation (URS) hereby submits this Monthly Status report for the above-referenced facility. In July 2001, GE, USEPA and NMED entered into discussions following a period of reduced activity regarding the site. As a result of these discussions URS, on behalf of GE, has since prepared and submitted a revised document entitled *Revised Closure Plan, Final Corrective Measure Study Report, Preliminary Corrective Measure Implementation Work Plan (Work Plan)* for the Former Apparatus Service Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico on August 16, 2002. This document was prepared at the direction of the USEPA and NMED to replace previously prepared documents that had not been acted upon by the agencies.

On October 21, 2002, GE received draft/preliminary response comments from the USEPA following USEPA review of the *Work Plan*. On November 6, 2002, GE received a preliminary copy of NMED comments regarding the August 16, 2002 submittal. GE, URS, and the USEPA discussed the draft comments during telephone calls on several occasions in November and December of 2002 in order to clarify and better understand some of the comments. On February 19, 2003, GE received USEPA's and NMED's final comments on the *Work Plan* and began incorporation of the comments into the *Work Plan*. The final comments were contained in a letter, dated January 10, 2003 that GE did not receive. USEPA faxed a copy of the letter to GE on February 19, 2003 so that GE could address the comments. On March 20, 2003 GE submitted responses to USEPA's and NMED's comments on the *Work Plan*. On May 20, 2003, GE submitted Final Revisions to the *Work Plan*, which addressed USEPA's and NMED's comments on the March 20, 2003 submittal, which were discussed during a telephone conference on May 7, 2003. On August 11, 2003, GE received a letter, dated August 5, 2003, from USEPA that indicated the May 20, 2003 Final Revisions to the *Work Plan* met the USEPA's and NMED's requirements in USEPA's conditional approval letter, dated January 10, 2003. The August 5, 2003 letter also stated that NMED would provide their response in a separate letter.

The recent activities that have transpired since the preceding monthly progress report are:

- On November 12, 2003, Mr. Rob Warder of NMED notified that GE and URS that he would no longer be the NMED contact for the project. Mr. Warder indicated that the project was being assigned to Mr. Will Moats of NMED.
- On November 18, 2003, URS forwarded a copy to the October 2003 progress report to Mr. Moats to facilitate his review of the proposed corrective measure. URS understands that Mr. Warder transferred the project files to Mr. Moats in late November.
- Based on discussions with the NMED, GE had been awaiting receipt of formal approval correspondence from the USEPA and NMED that the Work Plan and proposed corrective action are approved for implementation and that successful implementation will facilitate RCRA closure.
- On November 20, 2003, Mr. Gary Miller of the USEPA contacted GE to inquire whether GE had received the *Final Decision and Response to Comments* document that USEPA has intended to issue in June 2003. Mr. Edward Jamison advised Mr. Miller that, to his knowledge, neither GE nor URS has received the *Final Decision and Response to Comments* document.
- On November 24, 2003, GE received an electronic copy of the *Final Decision and Response to Comments* document from USEPA; however, GE was not able to open the attached electronic document. GE is currently awaiting receipt of a hard copy of the *Final Decision and Response to Comments* document from USEPA.

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URS will continue to submit monthly status reports to the USEPA and NMED for this project. Please contact either Edward F. Jamison, P.G., of GE at (518) 385-7979 or myself at (518) 688-0015 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this information.

Very truly yours,

URS Corporation



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