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Ms. Caroline Bari
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Waste Management
Hazardous Waste Section
217 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

**Re: Request for Class II Permit Modification
Addition of Recovery Wells R-24, R-25, and R-26
Former Hickory Manufacturing Facility
Post-Closure Hazardous Waste Management Permit No. NCD 003 237 948-R3
(RCRA Permit 1995, 2009, 2021)**

**Permittee: General Electric Company
1223 Fairgrove Church Road
Conover, NC 28613**

Dear Ms. Bari:

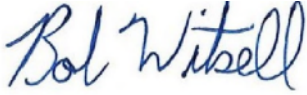
This letter is being submitted to request a Class II permit modification to General Electric Company's (GE's) Post-Closure Hazardous Waste Management Permit No. NCD 003 237 948-R3 for its former Hickory Manufacturing Facility (the Site) in Conover, NC.

GE requests modification of the existing permit to allow for expansion of the existing groundwater remedial action system (RAS). Specifically, GE proposes the installation and operation of three (3) additional recovery wells (to be named R-24, R-25, and R-26) to the existing network. GE submitted the Groundwater Investigation Report and Proposed RAS Expansion Plan (Report) in July 2021 to summarize investigative efforts performed to identify areas of higher volatile organic compound (VOC) mass distribution in groundwater at the Site; and to support this expansion to the RAS to target more efficient VOC removal from groundwater. The Report also included preliminary design drawings for the proposed recovery wells. The addition of three recovery wells will improve capture and reduce the mass of VOCs from entering the western stream.

Following approval by NCDEQ, GE will publish a public notice for the requested permit modification in the Hickory Daily Record and will hold a public meeting to allow the public to comment on the modification.

Please contact me (706-291-3319; robert.witsell@ge.com) if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Witsell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: Matthew Pelton, P.E., Arcadis