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The Honorable Lisa Jackson  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

**RE: Hudson River Dredging Project**

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Eight years ago GE Chairman Jeff Immelt pledged GE's cooperation with EPA to plan, design and conduct a dredging project in the Upper Hudson River in New York State. In our recent meetings with EPA, we have repeated our commitment to continue and complete this cleanup.

I write today to advise you that, after reviewing the requirements the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued for the next phase of Hudson River dredging project, GE will conduct Phase 2 and pay for it. Assuming timely approval by EPA of the engineering design and associated plans for Phase 2, we expect dredging to resume in late Spring 2011.

GE assembled a world-class team of dredging experts and environmental engineers to plan, design and conduct the first phase of this project. We will continue to bring the very best science and exceptional project management to Phase 2. To expedite the preparations, we have already begun to refine engineering design of Phase 2, based on the recommendations of the peer reviewers. We are preparing to move ahead with upgrades to the processing, treatment and transportation facilities in Fort Edward. Our Hudson team also has begun to evaluate proposals for services from several national and local firms to perform the Phase 2 work.

We share EPA's goal of completing this cleanup in the safest, most effective and expeditious way possible. I have asked our team to begin working with your staff immediately to finalize the design for the second phase of the project.

Formal notification of GE's decision to opt-in for the second phase of the Hudson project will be provided to EPA shortly.

Sincerely,

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