

# EXHIBIT 8

December 13, 2005

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Dear Assistant Attorney General Wooldridge and Administrator Johnson,

I am concerned that the consent decree recently signed by the Environmental Protection Agency and General Electric effectively lets GE off the hook from its responsibility to clean up its Hudson River PCB pollution. The EPA should not be allowed to let GE complete only a fraction of the PCB cleanup, and should hold the company accountable to the cleanup standards set in its 2002 agreement and in EPA's Record of Decision.

By letting GE walk away without committing to a full cleanup, the EPA has given GE no incentive to do a good job in Phase 1 of the cleanup, and left open the question of how Phase 2 will be funded. The EPA does not have the financial means to complete the PCB cleanup without GE. If GE doesn't participate in the full cleanup, taxpayers will have to cover for the company or live with huge amounts of toxic chemicals in the ecosystem and a long-term health hazard for the community. The EPA also did not insist that GE drop its lawsuit against the agency, a lawsuit that could absolve GE of any further responsibility for its pollution should the company win.

I strongly encourage the Department of Justice to reject the current consent decree, and advise the EPA to either negotiate a cleanup plan with GE that safely and promptly removes all of the Hudson River PCB contamination, or simply order GE to implement such a cleanup plan.

Sincerely,

Dear Department of Justice Fleetwood,

I am writing in reference to United States v. General Electric Company, Civil Action No. 05-cv-1270, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-529. I have concerns about this Consent Decree between the federal government and General Electric. I support a full, complete and comprehensive agreement consistent with the EPA's 2002 Record of Decision that would result in the complete cleanup and removal of dangerous polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the Hudson River.

The Consent Decree has several shortcomings that alarm me, including:

- The agreement only covers the first phase -10 percent - of the full, necessary cleanup of the Hudson River.
- The agreement allows General Electric to decide whether or not they will conduct Phase II, which is 90% of the necessary cleanup, rather than requiring General Electric to conduct Phase II.
- Under this agreement, General Electric may opt out of Phase II without penalties, which is inconsistent with other Superfund agreements.
- The agreement allows General Electric to submit its own engineering performance standards report, in addition to EPA's. This may be inconsistent with the engineering performance standards peer review process set up in the ROD and EPA's own peer review guidance.
- General Electric and the government have not finalized the design of this cleanup. The government may be agreeing to conduct a cleanup design that ultimately is inconsistent with the cleanup decision.
- Currently there are no monies going into the Superfund and the EPA will be hard pressed to come up with the financial resources to conduct this cleanup in General Electric 's absence.

I urge the EPA and Department of Justice ensures that General Electric is held accountable to conduct and pay for a complete cleanup based on the 2002 Record of Decision adopted by the EPA. There has been no change in the science since 2002 when the Bush Administration endorsed a General Electric cleanup as the required and most appropriate action.

A clean Hudson River is very important to me and my family. We deserve a full cleanup and must ensure that this national

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Most sincerely,