

**ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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In re:)	
)	RCRA Appeal No. 21-01
General Electric Company)	
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Permit No. MAD002084093)	
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ASSENTED-TO REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

The Housatonic River Initiative and the Housatonic Environmental Action League (collectively, “Petitioners”), with the assent of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (the “Region”) and the General Electric Company (“GE”), **respectfully request that the oral argument in this matter be conducted virtually by video conference.** As grounds for this request, the Petitioners state the following:

1. The oral argument in this matter is currently scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The Board has indicated that over the last year, oral arguments before the Board have been conducted by videoconference, and that closer to the date of the argument, the Board will, by order, notify the parties whether the oral argument will be held by videoconference or in-person in EPA’s Administrative Courtroom in Washington, DC.

2. One of the attorneys for Petitioners, Attorney Katy T. Garrison, who will be presenting oral argument in this Appeal, is pregnant, with an expected due date of October 30, 2021. The oral argument is scheduled for approximately eight weeks prior to her due date, and Attorney Garrison understands that it may not be advisable to travel at that point in her pregnancy.

3. Holding the hearing virtually is also expected to reduce the financial and logistical burdens for the members of the HRI and HEAL, for other interested stakeholders (including amici curiae) who are located in communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and for the other parties, as the Region and GE are both located in Massachusetts.

4. Holding the oral argument by videoconference will not result in delay of the proceeding or in any prejudice to any party.

Petitioners appreciate the Board's consideration of this request in light of all circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSATONIC RIVER INITIATIVE AND
HOUSATONIC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION
LEAGUE,

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