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Richard Battistoni  
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**RE: Site Management Activity Completed, St. Michael's College Property, Johnson Ave./Mt View Rd., Colchester, VT (SMS Site #2012-4271)**

Dear Mr. Battistoni,

The Sites Management Section (SMS) recently received confirmation that a Notice to the Land Records was filed for the above referenced site in Colchester. Subsurface contamination was encountered at this property during the removal of an underground storage tank (UST). Based on the information presented in the report, we have made the following conclusions:

- On July 18, 2011, a 1,000-gallon UST was removed from the site. The origin of this tank is unknown, as are the former contents of the tank. No significant contamination was identified in relation to this UST and the tank was found to be in fair condition. No groundwater was encountered in the subsurface to a depth of 7 feet below grade. Another UST was removed from the property on October 27, 2011. A faint petroleum odor was noted under one corner of the tank, though the contents of the tank are unknown. No groundwater was encountered below this tank either. A soil sample was collected from the area exhibiting the petroleum odor and submitted to a laboratory for analysis of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Several VOCs were detected in the sample, including benzene and tetrachloroethene. No VOCs were recorded above the VT Soil Screening Levels.
- A survey of sensitive receptors was conducted at the property. Residual soil contamination is at depth and will dissipate over time. The area of contamination is now covered by Mt. View Rd. This property and neighboring properties are served by the municipal drinking water system, so there is no threat of contamination to drinking water. No shallow groundwater was located during the removal of either tank.
- A Notice to the Land Record was filed for this property to document residual soil contamination. This document is located in the Town of Colchester Land Records and can be found in Volume 761, Page 183.
- No unacceptable risk to human health or the environment is believed to be present due to any residual contamination remaining at the site from the former UST.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this property a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. The SMAC designation will not release the owner(s) of the property from any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination at the site. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the contamination discovered during the closure of the USTs in 2011.

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Please feel free to call myself or Ashley Desmond of the SMS at (802) 828-1138 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Chuck Schwer, Section Chief  
Site Management Section

c: DEC Regional Office – Essex Junction  
Colchester Town Manager  
Colchester Health Officer

*All sent via email*