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July 31, 2012

**Mountaha's Laundry, LLC**  
c/o Sister's & Brother's Investment Group  
75 So Winooski Ave  
Burlington, Vermont 05401

RE: 99 Mallets Bay Avenue  
Winooski, Vermont  
**SMS Site # 2012-4313**

**FIRST LETTER**  
**Certified # 7010 0290 0002 0061 8354**

Dear Sister's & Brother's Investment Group:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) has received the following reports regarding the above referenced property.

*1. Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Winooski Auto Service, SMS 2006-3508, dated June 13, 2011*

Results of the above Phase II Environmental Site Assessment indicate the following:

- Groundwater collected from locations MW1 and MW2 at Winooski Auto is adversely impacted by tetrachloroethene and trichloroethene in exceedance of Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards.

Reference documents at the Fletcher Free Library (Burlington) suggest:

- Land use at 99 Mallets Bay included dry cleaning activities, starting around 1987, as indicated in the City Directories published by the USWest- Johnson Directory Division, and continuing through 1992.

Environmental releases of dry cleaning related hazardous materials are suspected at the 99 Mallets Bay property. Pursuant to Title 10 Part 5 Chapter 159 Section 6617(a) of Vermont Statute, "**Any person who has knowledge of a release or a suspected release and who may be subject to liability for a release, as detailed in section 6615 of this chapter, shall immediately notify the agency**" (Vermont Agency of Natural Resources-VTDEC).

With the notification of the release, through the submission of the above referenced report, there comes a responsibility to take action to mitigate the effects of the release (10.V.S.A. section 6615b-Corrective action procedures). The statute describes a series of actions, from investigation through corrective action, which must be taken by responsible parties.

This **First Letter** is addressed to responsible parties whenever indications exist that there has been a release to the environment. The First Letter represents the beginning of the process of identifying, characterizing, and remediating contaminated sites in Vermont. The VTDEC has assigned the 99 Mallets Bay Avenue property a project tracking number of: **SMS # 2012-4313**. Please use this number in all of your correspondence and email to expedite our response time.

The VTDEC requests that you conduct a groundwater and soil investigation to delineate the lateral and vertical extent of this contamination. Please have your environmental consultant submit to this office for approval a workplan for investigating this release by September 10, 2012.



The VTDEC is interested in achieving a comprehensive understanding of the environmental issues and expeditiously attending to those concerns.

Upon completion of the above requested investigation(s), a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) may be required to be drafted for VTDEC review and approval. The CAP should address how any contamination identified will be handled and what measures will be taken to protect both human health and the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this First Letter please contact me at 802-479-8769

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "HMC" followed by "Hugo Martínez Cazón".

Hugo Martínez Cazón, P.E.  
Environmental Analyst