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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, The Howe Center, Rutland (VTDEC Site #77-0072).

Dear Mr. Fegan:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS), has recently reviewed the *Site Management Activity Completed Request Document* which was prepared by ATC Associates, Inc., in September 2001. From this report and other information contained in the site file, the SMS concludes the following:

- The former Howe-Richardson Scale Facility manufactured mechanical weighing devices and other handling equipment at the site for over 100 years. The facility ceased operations in 1982.
- Hazardous substances used or generated at the site during facility operations include heavy metals, chlorinated solvents, phenols, paint wastes, and fuel oil.
- A 1980 site assessment, which was conducted due to releases of petroleum from two former USTs, indicated that soils and groundwater at the site had been contaminated with various heavy metals and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) including petroleum compounds and chlorinated solvents.
- Since 1980, extensive on-site investigations have helped to define the degree and extent of subsurface contamination, identify potential receptors of the contamination and to assess the risk posed to these receptors.
- Although groundwater on site has been characterized above Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards (VTGES), evaluations conducted at the site have concluded that there is no apparent risk to public health associated with the former manufacturing activities at the site.
- Specified compliance point monitoring wells have been sampled and all wells were below the VTGES for two consecutive semi-annual monitoring rounds.

Based on the above, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. The SMS concludes that:

- the nature and extent of contamination has been adequately defined;
- groundwater enforcement standards are met at all established compliance monitoring points for at least two consecutive monitoring rounds;
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment;
- all existing monitoring wells were properly closed pursuant to Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule - Chapter 21 and;
- a Notice to Land Records was filed with the City of Rutland which advises the public that prior to any subsurface work at the property the SMS must be notified. This information was recorded in book 434, page 91-92 on June 6, 2002.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release Aerojet of any past or future liability which may arise from the contamination discovered at the Howe Center site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work to be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Bruce Linton at (802) 241-3888.

The SMS appreciates your continued cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief  
Sites Management Section

cc: Stephen Znamierowski, ATC Associates, Inc.  
Darlene Gregory, Rutland City Clerk  
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