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RE: Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation for the Burke Lumber site in Sutton, Vermont
(Site #770082)

Dear Mr. Mick:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed your July 11, 2001 letter and accompanying letter report dated July 10, 2001 by Marin Environmental for the above referenced site. As indicated in Marin's letter report, the onsite stockpiled soil and wood timber debris were properly disposed of at the ESMI treatment facility and the Coventry landfill, respectively. In addition, the onsite monitoring wells have been properly closed in accordance with the Water Supply Rule. Therefore, the SMS has determined the site to be eligible for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation.

This determination was based on the following information:

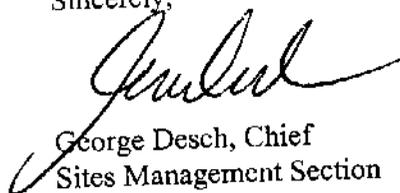
- Several likely sources of subsurface contamination existed at the site. These included four underground storage tanks (USTs) removed in 1993, two USTs removed in 1998, a creosote dip tank, two dumping locations, and an old dry well.
- A 10,000 gallon #2 fuel oil UST and three waste oil USTs were removed on July 23, 1993. Two 10,000 gallon #2 fuel oil USTs were removed from the ground on September 24, 1998. Several groundwater monitoring wells were installed and were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and metals. Contaminants are not present at levels which exceed Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards (VTGWES). Approximately 45 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil was excavated and stockpiled onsite during the removal of the #2 fuel oil tanks.
- The creosote dip tank was removed from the ground in May, 1990. Approximately 350 cubic yards of soil was excavated from this area in June and December, 2000. Confirmatory soil samples taken from the bottom and sidewalls of the excavation indicated levels of VOCs and SVOCs were all below soil guideline levels. Groundwater also did not contain contaminants in excess of VTGWES.
- The old dry well was closed on December 21, 1999. Approximately 15-20 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated and stockpiled onsite. Two confirmatory soil samples were obtained from the excavation, and no contaminants were detected in excess of soil guideline levels. Groundwater was not encountered during the excavation.

- Sediment samples were taken from the adjacent Sutton River and analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, and metals. No contaminants were detected above the Environmental Protection Agency's Ecological Sediment Screening Benchmarks, with the exception of silver, which was detected at 1.75 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). The Ecological Screening Benchmark for silver is 1.0 mg/kg; therefore, it does not appear to pose a risk to ecological communities in the Sutton River.
- Soil samples were taken from the two dump areas on the site, the "old dump" and the "new dump". Soil and groundwater samples have been taken at the site and analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, and metals. No contaminants are above VTGWES or soil guideline levels.
- All contaminated soil and treated wood timbers were properly disposed of at the ESMI thermal treatment facility in Loudon, New Hampshire and the Coventry Landfill in Coventry, Vermont, respectively.
- All twelve monitoring wells were properly closed in accordance with Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule - Chapter 21.
- Little to no risk is posed to adjacent sensitive receptors by any surface or subsurface contamination which may be present at the site.

Based on the results of the investigation, the site has been assigned a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the Waste Management Division have determined require no further management are given a SMAC designation. The designation does not release TreeSource Industries from any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination which originated at the Burke Lumber facility in Burke, Vermont. The SMAC designation does mean that the SMS isn't requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the initial contamination.

Please feel free to call either me or Chuck Schwer if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,



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Sites Management Section

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