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Re: Site Management Activity Completed, Blue Seal Feeds Montpelier (Site #770125)

Dear Mr. Hickey:

The Waste Management Division, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the report titled "*Blue Seal Feeds, Montpelier Re-sampling*" dated May 24, 1999 and prepared by Heindel and Noyes. This report was prepared as part of the procedure for "Site Management Activity Completed" (SMAC) designation.

Three groundwater monitoring wells were installed in 1989 to determine if petroleum product had leaked into the ground from two abandoned underground storage tanks. Petroleum related compounds detected were below the State of Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards (VGES) however, two wells contained levels of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (cVOC's) above the VGES. A second round of samples were collected and analyzed in 1990. Levels of cVOC's were present in only a single upgradient well. It appeared that the cVOC's did not originate from a release on the Blue Seal Feeds property but may have migrated via groundwater from an adjoining property. Most recently, two rounds of groundwater sampling results indicate that no cVOC's are present in the monitoring wells.

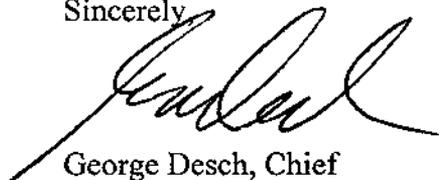
The SMS has determined that this site is eligible for a SMAC designation. The SMS has specifically determined the following:

1. That the levels of cVOC's which were present in two of three groundwater monitoring wells and exceeded VGES 10 years ago, presently are non-detect.
2. There is no threat to the Winooski River which is the only downgradient sensitive receptor.
3. Based on the information presented above as well as additional information in the Blue Seed Feeds Site file, the site does not pose any unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Therefore, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release the present or future owners of any past or future liability associated with contamination left in the ground. It does however, mean that the SMS is not

requesting any additional work at this time. If the wells used for groundwater monitoring are no longer used or maintained then they must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule - Chapter 21. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Stanley Corneille at 802- 241-3888.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Desch", written in a cursive style.

George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

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