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George Hodgdon  
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RE: Petroleum contamination (Site #87-0043)

Dear Mr. Hodgdon:

I am writing to follow up on a letter written to you on November 14, 1994 from Richard Spiese of the Sites Management Section (SMS). This letter requested that work be performed in response to contamination encountered during the removal of two gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) from the Bear Mountain Grocery on October 26, 1994. I have enclosed a copy of this letter. The SMS did not receive a response from you indicating that the requested work was done, or planned to be done. Therefore, the SMS is reiterating its request that you retain the services of a qualified environmental consultant to perform the following:

- Collect groundwater samples from any onsite monitoring wells which are intact and in a condition which, when sampled, will provide an accurate depiction of groundwater conditions. The analytical results will be used to identify environmental conditions and to aid in determining what further work may be necessary to determine the degree and extent of soil and groundwater contamination. In addition, the onsite drinking water well and adjacent drinking water wells should be sampled for evidence of petroleum compounds. All samples should be analyzed by EPA Method 8021B. If the monitoring wells have either been destroyed or damaged so as to make sampling groundwater not feasible, it will be necessary to have your consultant install at least four monitoring wells and obtain samples to be analyzed for petroleum compounds.
- Notify the SMS of the status of the stockpiled soils at your property in Plymouth. It will be necessary to screen these soils with a field instrument periodically to determine levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) present in the pile. Once VOC levels are non-detect using a field screening instrument, confirmatory soil samples must be collected for laboratory analysis for petroleum compounds to insure contaminants are not present at levels above standards.

Your consultant should also provide the above data in a summary report, which should include all laboratory analytical data, conclusions and recommendations for further work.

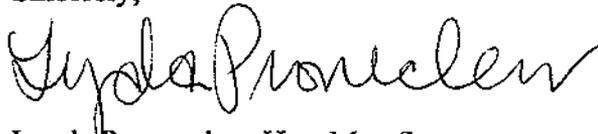
Please have your consultant submit a work plan and cost estimate within fifteen days of your receipt of this letter so that it may be approved of prior to the initiation of onsite work. Enclosed please find a list of consultants who perform this type of work in the area.

As stated in the enclosed letter, the USTs at Bear Mountain Grocery are covered by the Petroleum Cleanup Fund (PCF) as set forth in 10 V.S.A. Section 1941 as long as no private insurance exists which would apply to this situation. You must provide proof of no insurance before the PCF can be used to reimburse these expenses. An owner or permittee of an UST, who is not in significant violation of his or her permit, is eligible for reimbursement from the fund. The owner or permittee must pay for the removal or repair of the failed tank and for the first \$10,000 of the cleanup; subsequently, the fund will reimburse the tank owner or permittee for additional cleanup costs up to \$1 million. The fund may not pay for cleanup costs which are not pre-approved by the Agency. Please refer to the attached guidance document "Reimbursement Package for the Petroleum Cleanup Fund" for further information on this program. Additionally, the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources reserves the right to seek cost recovery of fund monies spent at the Bear Mountain Grocery site if the Secretary concludes that Bear Mountain Grocery is in significant violation of the Vermont Underground Storage Tank Regulations and the Underground Storage Tank statute (10 V.S.A. Chapter 59).

It appears, based on my review of the file, that some work performed by Groundwater Technology in January and February, 1986, was covered by your insurer at the time, Cigna. Therefore, in addition to the above, the SMS is requesting that a complete copy of the insurance policy which was relevant during January, 1986 be sent to the SMS.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (802)241-3883.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Provencher".

Lynda Provencher, Haz. Mat. Spec.  
Sites Management Section