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ATTN OLIVIA CHASE BELEAU  
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed – Groton General Store - Site # 19900555

Dear Ms. Beleau:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the site file of the above referenced site. During tank removals on July 29, 1990, petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater was discovered. All soil was backfilled, monitoring wells were placed, and a replacement tank was installed. The wells were never sampled because they filled in with silt. On December 6, 2004, the replacement tank was removed.

Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that the site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the 3,000-gallon gasoline, 1,000-gallon gasoline, 1000-gallon diesel, and 500-gallon kerosene USTs were removed from the ground in 1990 and are no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site. The replacement 3,000-gallon gasoline UST was removed from the ground in 2004 and there was no evidence of a release from that tank;
- groundwater was encountered during the 2004 tank removal and no evidence of petroleum was found on the groundwater table. The most downgradient site monitoring well was installed in the tank grave during the 1990 closure and was removed at the time of the 2004 tank closure;
- all petroleum contaminated soil was backfilled during the 1990 closure but during the 2004 closure there were only slight detections of petroleum contaminated soil during the tank removal. On November 8, 2005 the remaining two monitoring wells were removed from the ground using an excavator. No elevated VOC readings or visual/olfactory evidence of petroleum was noted; and

- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release Gilman Housing Trust of any past or future liability that may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the USTs at the Groton General Store site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site.

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

Sincerely,



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Sites Management Section

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