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Paul McGinley
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RE: Former White Mountain Paper Company in Bellows Falls (Site #92-1267)

Dear Mr. McGinley:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the "Report on the Limited Assessment of Petroleum Contamination (Phase III)" dated December, 1994 by Griffin International, Inc. for the above referenced site. Based on the information in the report, the SMS has determined that the Town of Rockingham has satisfied the requirements placed on them in the SMS's November 6, 1992 and July 7, 1993 letters. The November 6, 1992 letter requested that the underground storage tank (UST) located at the Former White Mountain Paper Company be removed and a site assessment be performed. The requirements in the July 7, 1993 letter included that a more thorough site assessment be completed to determine the degree and extent of contamination resulting from the UST.

This determination was based on the following information:

1. The likely source of contamination was the UST and the spill which occurred in September, 1991. The spill has been cleaned up and the UST has been closed in place.
2. Soil borings extended to the water table indicated concentrations of volatile organic compounds to be less than one part per million (ppm) at the water table.
3. The drain pipe outfall which served as a source of contamination to the Connecticut River bank no longer contains evidence of soil contamination. Analytical results from the adjacent Connecticut River indicate non-detect levels of petroleum contamination.
4. Although the polyaromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) benzo(b,k)fluoranthene was detected in soil at 255 part per billion (or 0.255 parts per million), this concentration is below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Risk-Based Concentration of 0.88 parts per million for residential soil. Therefore, any residual contaminants which remain in the soil pose little to no risk to any surrounding receptors.

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Based on the results of the investigation, the site has been assigned a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the Hazardous Materials Management Division have determined require no further management are given a SMAC designation. The designation does not release the Town of Rockingham from any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination which originated from the leaking UST at the Former White Mountain Paper Company building. 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 contact either me or Richard Spiese with any further questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,



Chuck Schwer, Acting Chief
Sites Management Section

c: Liv Jemsek, New England Power Co.
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