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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Belmont General Store, Mount Holly, VT
(Site #92-1276)

Dear Mr. Graves:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed The Johnson Company, Inc., June 11, 1996 letter report, prepared for the above referenced site. This report documented the results of field screening the 80 cubic yards of stockpiled petroleum contaminated soil at the site. Since there were no photoionization detector readings above one (1) part per million, the SMS subsequently approved your request to thinspread the majority of the soil on-site, and use a portion of the soil as fill around the on-site septic system.

The stockpiled soils were generated during the removal of one kerosene, and two gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) in July of 1992. In order to determine the degree and extent of contamination, three groundwater monitoring wells were installed and samples were collected for laboratory analysis. Samples were also collected for analysis from a downgradient spring and from a stream emanating from Star Lake. Sampling results from the last three monitoring rounds indicated that no petroleum compounds were present at concentrations exceeding Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards. Based on these results, on December 8, 1994, the SMS verbally approved Lincoln Applied Geology, Inc.'s recommendation to discontinue groundwater and surface water monitoring. However, the stockpiled soils continued to be passively treated using the polyencapsulation treatment option until remediation was completed as indicated above.

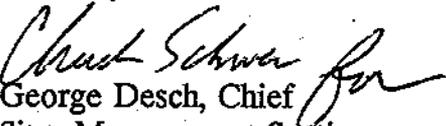
Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the three petroleum USTs have been removed from the ground, and are no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- the last three groundwater and surface water sampling rounds indicated no evidence of petroleum contamination exceeding Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards;

- approximately 80 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil were excavated and successfully treated using the polyencapsulation treatment option; 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 Graves Investment Corporation of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the USTs at the Belmont 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 Matthew Moran at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,


George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

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DEC Regional Office
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