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Mr. Paul Simons
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) for the former Springtree Corporation Site, Brattleboro, Vermont (SMS Site #1992-1310)

Dear Mr. Simons:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has received the *Initial Site Investigation Report* prepared by Harper Environmental for the former Springtree Corporation site and dated June 10, 2004. The SMS has also received a monitoring well abandonment letter from Harper Environmental dated July 15, 2004 and a well completion report for the four monitoring wells dated July 23, 2004. Based on the findings, Harper Environmental is recommending a Site Management Activity Completed designation. Based on the file information, the SMS concludes the following:

- The former Springtree Corporation site is located at Spring Tree Road off Putney Road in Brattleboro, Vermont. Two buildings, the office for the Vermont Department of Corrections and the Community High School of Vermont, are currently located on the property.
- On October 6, 1992, the closures of one 2,000-gallon (UST #2) and one 4,000-gallon (UST #3) gasoline tank were conducted at the site. A release from UST #3 was detected. Approximately 32 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soils were excavated and polyencapsulated on-site. Soil sampling revealed peak volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations of 4,400 parts per million (ppm) at 17 feet below ground surface (bgs). VOC concentrations decreased to 500-550 ppm at 18 feet and 500 ppm at 20 feet bgs, where groundwater was encountered. The stockpiled soils had an average VOC concentration of 776 ppm.
- In response to the elevated VOC concentrations in the vicinity of UST tank #3, four monitoring wells were installed at the site on May 12, 2004. No groundwater VOC concentrations were reported over the minimum detection limit for the four monitoring wells. None of the soil borings had detectable VOC levels.

- A receptor survey indicated that no apparent threat to identified sensitive receptors exists.
- The stockpiled petroleum-contaminated soils were incorporated into the asphalt paving of the on-site parking lot.

Based on the above, it appears that contamination is limited in area and does not pose an unacceptable risk to the public 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 owners of the former Springtree Corporation property of any past or future liability associated with the contamination remaining in the ground from the former UST. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work at this time. Any additional information, which may come to light in the future, may be cause for reconsideration of this decision.

If you have any questions, then please feel free to contact Colby Crehan or myself at 802-241-3888.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief
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