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RANDY ROULEAU
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Walker Imports, Routes 302 and 62
SMS Site #92-1322
Berlin, Vermont

Dear Mr. Rouleau:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the September 1998 letter report titled, "*Sample Results of Monitoring Well, Walker Imports, Berlin, Vermont*" prepared by Stone Environmental for work conducted at the above referenced site. The SMS has also reviewed information contained in the site file. With this information, the SMS can now make the following conclusions:

- On March 24, 1998 two 4,000 gallon fuel oil underground storage tanks (UST) were closed in place by on the Walker Imports property at the northwest corner of Routes 62 and 302, in Berlin.
- During the UST closure, soils surrounding the USTs were found to be contaminated with petroleum compounds at concentrations above SMS guideline levels, holes were observed in the USTs, and a sheen was observed on the groundwater seeping from under the USTs. 2 samples of groundwater were collected for lab analysis via EPA 8020 and 8100M. No contaminants were noted in the up-gradient sample. The down-gradient sample contained 1.3 µg/L of toluene, which is below the Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standard.
- On August 21, 1998 one groundwater monitor well was installed down-gradient of the tank site. No soil staining, odors, or PID readings above background were noted during monitor well installation. One groundwater sample was collected from the monitoring well and did not show any detectable concentrations of petroleum contamination.
- 2 yd³ of stock piled soils from a previous UST removal were screened on May 4, 1998, of 5 samples the highest PID reading was 0.6 ppm. No odors or staining were noted.

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Permission was given by Bob Butler of the WMD to thin spread the soils on site. The soils were thin spread on August 21.

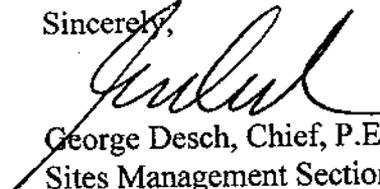
- The area is served by a municipal water supply which is not at risk from contamination from this site. The nearest surface waters are the Benjamin Falls Brook and the Winooski River. No unacceptable risk to human health and the environment is present due to any residual contamination remaining in the ground from the removed USTs.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release Ran-Mar, Inc., of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination on the Walker Imports site. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the March 1998 in place UST closure.

If the Stone Environmental monitoring well, MW-1, is no longer used or maintained, then it must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure typically involves filling the well with a grout material to prevent fluid migration in the borehole. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule-Chapter 21.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief, P.E.
Sites Management Section

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