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Mr. Alan Cram  
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed at the Otter Valley Garage (SMS Site 93-1490) Pittsford, Vermont

Dear Mr. Cram:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has completed a file review, for the above referenced site, referencing the contamination discovered during the removal of one (1) 1,000 gallon waste oil underground storage tank (UST), two (2) 1,000 gallon fuel oil USTs and one (1) 550 gallon UST containing mineral spirits, at the Otter Valley Garage, Route 7, Pittsford, Vermont. With this information the SMS can now make the following conclusions:

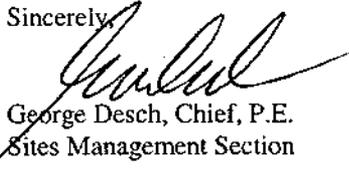
- On July 13, 1993, the First Vermont Bank foreclosed on the property of the former Otter Valley Garage.
- On October 27, 1993, petroleum contaminated soils were encountered during the removal of four (4) abandoned USTs. The tanks included one (1) 1,000 gallon waste oil UST and one 1,000 gallon fuel oil UST, (UST #1 and #2) from tank pit #1. Tank #3 a 1,000 gallon fuel oil UST and tank #4 one (1) 550 gallon UST containing mineral spirits were in separate excavations.
- During site activities, approximately 10 to 15 cubic yards of contaminated soil with photoionization detector (PID) concentrations up to 50 parts per million (ppm) were removed from the excavation of UST #3 and polyencapsulated on-site.
- Soils were excavated from the tank pits of UST #3 and #4, until the PID readings decreased to 0.2 ppm.
- Contaminated soils with PID vapor levels below 10 ppm were backfilled into the three tank pits.
- No groundwater or free product was encountered at a maximum depth approximately 6.0 feet below ground surface (fbgs) in the excavations.
- In a letter dated January 4, 1994, the SMS acknowledged that the soils were to be removed from the site to a disposal facility once the soil test results were received. The soils were analyzed for metals, arsenic, barium, cadmium, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver and zinc. The metals in the soil were all below the regulatory limits.
- The soils were scheduled to be removed from the site to a disposal facility on February 3, 1994.
- On February 20, 2001, the SMS received a Certificate of Destruction from Environmental Soil Management, Inc., (ESMI) for 21.57 tons of soil resulting from the October 1993 tank removals.
- No unacceptable risk to human health and the environment is present due to the residual contamination remaining in the ground from the contaminated soils encountered during the removal of one (1) 1,000 waste oil UST, two (2) 1,000 gallon fuel oil USTs, and (1) 550 gallon UST containing mineral spirits from the

Otter Valley Garage in October of 1993.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation will not release you from any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination at the site. It does, however, mean the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the USTs removal from the Otter Valley Garage in October of 1993.

Please call me with any questions you may have. I can be reached at (802) 241-3491.

Sincerely,



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Sites Management Section

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