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RE: Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC), Stratton Town Garage, Stratton, Vermont
(Site #93-1495)

Dear Ms. Coolidge:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has had the opportunity to review this site for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Based on our Technical Services Section's final trip report dated October 23, 1998 and a complete file review, the SMS has determined that this site meets the SMS's policy for SMAC designations.

This means that the SMS has concluded the following:

- the two diesel underground storage tanks that showed evidence of a release in October 1993 have been removed from the ground, along with 70 cubic yards of contaminated soil;
- the remaining soils only had photoionization detector readings below 4 parts per million, however, contaminated soils were located at the water table and groundwater monitoring wells were installed;
- the soils were successfully treated utilizing the polyencapsulation treatment method, and were later used as roadside fill material by the town;
- the installation of four groundwater monitoring wells yielded initial evidence of groundwater contamination in three of the wells, but these levels declined over time and the results from the last groundwater sampling round met Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards;
- the only potential sensitive receptor deemed threatened by the release was the onsite bedrock supply well (not used for drinking); there was no laboratory evidence of petroleum impacts to this well; and
- the site does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

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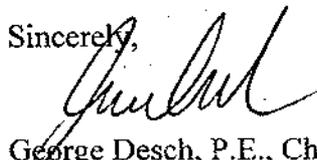
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Based on these findings, the site has been assigned a SMAC designation. Sites that the SMS has deemed require no further management are classified as SMAC. This designation does not release the Town of Stratton from any past or future liability that may arise from the petroleum contamination which originated from the underground storage tank systems at this site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the release observed in October 1993. If any additional information comes to light in the future, then the SMS may reconsider this determination.

If the monitoring wells are no longer used or maintained, then they must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure typically involves filling the wells 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. Also, the road box or stand-up well guard for a monitoring well must be removed before well closure is considered complete. Within 15 days of your receipt of this letter, please submit either a plan for the monitoring wells or documentation that the wells were properly closed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Matthew Moran or me at 802-241-3888.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Stratton Health Officer
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