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Nelson Baker
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RE: Sites Management Activity Completed at P & H Truck Stop in Wells River
(Site #93-1512)

Dear Mr. Baker:

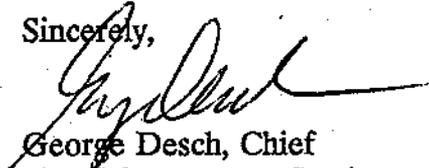
The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed The Johnson Company, Inc.'s (JCO) June 24, 1996 Operations and Monitoring Report for the above referenced site. Based on the information contained in this report, the SMS can now conclude the following:

1. On September 20, 1993 two of the original seven underground storage tanks (USTs) which were used to store waste oil onsite were closed in-place. On October 29, 1993 a 3,000 gallon UST containing gasoline failed a tightness test. The contents of this tank were removed following a second test 12 days later. An investigation of the suspected gasoline release was performed by Griffin International in November and December, 1993, and it was concluded that there were no unacceptable risk to adjacent receptors. As a result, the site was subsequently closed. The SMS's receipt of the information on the two waste oil UST closures resulted in the reopening of the site. An additional site investigation was performed by JCO in July, 1994. In May, 1995, five petroleum USTs were closed and replaced with two new USTs.
2. An investigation was completed on the property, resulting in the placement of five vapor monitoring points throughout the site. All attempts to collect groundwater samples from a surficial aquifer have been unsuccessful.
3. JCO initiated annual sampling of the vapor monitoring points, an onsite water supply, and the basement of the P&H Truck Stop. No volatile organic compounds (VOCs) have detected in the water supply sample. Additionally, no VOCs were detected in the cellar of the P&H Truck Stop during the Spring, 1996 monitoring event. Concentrations detected in the vapor monitoring points during this latest monitoring event were considerably less than the 1995 sampling with the highest reading measuring 1.8 ppm using a photoionization detector.

4. No unacceptable risk to adjacent receptors have been identified by the residual soil contamination at this site.

Based on the above, the SMS is designating this site as Sites Management Activity Complete (SMAC). A SMAC designation does not relieve Nelson Baker of the liability associated with any past or present contamination onsite. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the above mentioned UST closures at this time. The SMS appreciates your cooperation in conducting the necessary investigation at this site. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

CC: Don Maynard, JCO
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