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AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Michel Guité
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Re: Site Management Activity Complete
Former GTE North, Inc. Site, Sherburne, Vermont
SMS Site #93-1516

Dear Mr. Guité and or Mr. Dechen:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC), Sites Management Section (SMS) has received the Monitoring Well Abandonment information for the above mentioned site from The Johnson Company, Inc. (JCO). Therefore, the SMS has determined that the site is now eligible to receive a Site Management Activity Complete (SMAC) designation. This determination was based on the following information:

- The likely source of subsurface contamination at the site was a 500 gallon diesel underground storage tank (UST), which was removed in 1993. Approximately 9 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil was removed from the UST excavation and subsequently shipped to a soil recycling facility.
- In 1996, JCO oversaw the installation of five groundwater monitoring wells across the site. Soils were screened with a photoionization detector (PID) during advancement. Shallow soils, above the groundwater table, reported an elevated PID level of 118 parts per million (ppm) within the former 500 gallon diesel underground storage (UST) location (MW-5). No other significantly elevated PID levels were reported in any boring. Groundwater quality results in MW-5 reported low levels of ethylbenzene and xylenes, however well below their respective Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards (VTGES). Groundwater flow direction was reported to be to the northeast; therefore the monitoring well array was sufficient to determine if any downgradient contaminant migration had occurred.
- A Sensitive Receptor Survey was also conducted and determined that no sensitive receptors were at risk of impact from the minor diesel fuel release at the site.
- All five groundwater monitoring wells have been properly abandoned.



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Based on the results of the investigations, the site has been assigned a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the Waste Management Division (WMD) has determined require no further management are given a SMAC designation. The designation does not release the owner of the property from any past or future liability which may arise from the contamination originating from the former UST. The SMAC designation does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the initial contamination. Please feel free to contact either Chuck Schwer or Tami Wuestenberg if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section
Waste Management Division

cc: Sherburne Select Board
Sherburne Health Officer
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Mr. Jim Bowes, JCO (*transmitted electronically*)

