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RE: Site Management Activity Completed for Stewart's Shop #191, Poultney, VT
SMS Site#19931531

Dear Mr. Johncox:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the 2007 Groundwater Monitoring Report prepared by Precision Environmental Services, Inc for the Stewart's Shop #191 facility. Based on the ongoing site monitoring activities, a Site Management Activity Completed designation has been recommended by your environmental consultant. The SMS has reviewed this report and historical information and concludes the following:

- The Stewart's Shop #191 facility is located at the corner of Main and Maple Streets in Poultney, Vermont. Stewart's purchased this property in 1983 which at the time consisted of brick structure on 0.37 acres of land. This property operates as a retail convenience store and gasoline station in an area of mixed commercial and residential properties.
- In November 1993, four underground storing tanks containing gasoline were closed and removed from the property. During the tank removal activities, the screened soils had concentrations up to 340 ppm as measured by a PID. Sheens were observed in the groundwater. No free product was observed. Approximately 530 tons of petroleum contaminated soils were excavated and transported offsite to a soil recycling facility in North Adams, Massachusetts.
- Based on the findings of the tank removal activities, this property was added to Vermont's Active Hazardous Waste Sites List in 1993. Stewart's hired Precision Environmental Services, Inc. to conduct a site investigation to determine the degree and extent of contamination. During this investigation, ground water samples collected from onsite monitoring wells indicated the presence of petroleum compounds significantly above the Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards.
- In September 2000, two 1,000 gallon underground storage tanks storing fuel oil were closed and removed from the property. During the tank removal activities, soil contamination was encountered. Approximately 80 tons of petroleum contaminated soils were excavated and transported to a treatment facility in New York. Post closure soil samples collected from the tank grave revealed limited residual soil contamination remains.
- Since 1993, this property has been monitored routinely to determine the presence of volatile organic compounds in groundwater by accepted EPA Methods. Early monitoring had shown the bulk of the gasoline plume extending between the former tank area and points offsite. Over time contaminant concentrations have shown a declining trend. Recent sampling collected in 2006 and 2007 has revealed no exceedances of the Groundwater Enforcement Standards.



- The Stewart's Shop property and surrounding properties are served by the Village of Poultney water system. No unacceptable risk to human health and the environment is present due to any residual contamination remaining in the ground from the former USTs removed in 1993 and 2000. No sensitive receptors appear to be threatened or impacted.
- On June 30, 2008, the monitoring wells associated with the site have been properly abandoned in accordance with Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule-Chapter 12.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning the Stewart's Shop #191 a 'Site Management Activity Completed' designation. This SMAC designation does not release Stewart's Shop of any past or future liability associated with any residual petroleum contamination that may remain onsite. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the 1993 and 2000 UST closures associated with this property.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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