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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, NET - Wilmington, Vermont
(Site #93-1553)

Dear Mr. Brunell:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the Wehran Engineering Corporation (WEC) "Receptor Assessment" report dated January 16, 1995, for the above referenced site. This report summarized investigative work performed to determine the risks, if any, posed to human health and the environment from the contamination encountered during the removal of a diesel and a heating oil underground storage tank (UST) on December 14, 1993. During the removal of these USTs, soils screened from the bottom of the UST bed had peak volatile organic compound concentrations of 45 parts per million (ppm), as measured by a photoionization detector (PID). However, laboratory analysis of the soil samples with the peak PID readings contained no detectable concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons; the detection limits were 10 ppm or less depending on the product type. The WEC January 16, 1995 receptor assessment report stated that the nearest drinking water wells were located more than 1/2 mile from the site. Also, no detectable PID readings were encountered in any building adjacent to the former UST pits. The nearest surface water is located approximately 500 feet south of the site, and there was no evidence of contamination by visual inspection along the banks of this surface water. Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

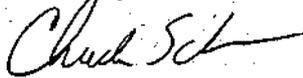
- the fuel oil USTs have been removed from the ground, and are no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- laboratory analysis of the soil containing the most elevated PID readings contained no detectable petroleum hydrocarbons; and
- groundwater was not encountered during the site assessment, and based on the lack of significant soil contamination, it is unlikely that groundwater was impacted by petroleum contamination from the removed USTs; and
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

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Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release New England Telephone/NYNEX of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the USTs at the NET-Wilmington site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Matt Moran at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,



Chuck Schwer, Acting Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Wilmington Selectboard
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