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RE: SMAC Designation at Monument Plaza Shopping Center, Bennington

Dear Mr. Carye:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has received Flour Daniel GTI's, July 09, 1997, Semi-Annual Status Report and SMAC request for the Monument Plaza Shopping Center located in Bennington, Vermont. According to this report, groundwater samples were collected in May 1997, and analyzed for the presence of volatile organic compounds (by EPA Method 8260) by GTEL Environmental Laboratories Inc. The results of this sampling indicate that the subsurface still contains the presence of chlorinated solvents in the vicinity and downgradient of the former waste oil tank. However, the concentrations being detected are below the Vermont Health Advisory Levels (VHAL) and Groundwater Enforcement Standards (GWES).

Based on information submitted, the SMS makes the following conclusions:

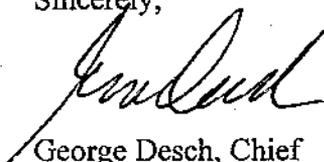
- In April 1994, a 1,000 gallon waste oil underground storage tank was removed from the property and contaminated soils were encountered. Approximately 12 cubic yards of contaminated soils were removed and shipped offsite for treatment.
- The property has been investigated to determine the degree and extent caused by the release of the UST. Ongoing groundwater monitoring has shown continuing decreasing concentrations with current levels below the VHAL and GWES.
- The residual contamination remaining on this property does not appear to pose an unacceptable risk to public health and the environment.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. A SMAC designation does not relieve you of the liability associated with any past or present contamination onsite. This designation means that based on the information you have submitted, the SMS is not aware of any threat to public health or the environment presented by this site.

As a result, the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the cleanup of the waste oil release. If the monitoring well(s) 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 well(s) 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, if applicable at this site.

The SMS appreciates your cooperation in conducting the necessary investigation at this site. If you have any questions, then please feel free to contact Linda Elliott, Project Manager at 802-241-3897 or myself at 802-241-3491.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief  
Sites Management Section

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