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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, CDW Properties, Barre, Vermont (Site #94-1588)

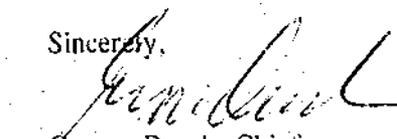
Dear Mr. Wilkins:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed The Johnson Company, Inc. October 4, 1996 report in which a petition is made for giving the site a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. Subsurface investigative work was conducted at this site following the discovery of a petroleum release during the removal of two (2) gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) in March 1994. Since the full extent of the contamination was unknown, all excavated soil was backfilled. In July 1993, three groundwater monitoring wells were installed to define the degree and extent of contamination. During the initial sampling round, MW-1 contained 47 parts per billion (ppb) benzene; the Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standard for benzene is 5 ppb. The latest sample collected from MW-1 contained only 4.4 ppb benzene. Also, both downgradient wells contained no evidence of gasoline contaminants during either sampling round. The Johnson Company, Inc. sensitive receptor survey indicates that the release neither threatens human health nor the environment. Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the gasoline USTs have been removed from the ground, and are no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- any remaining petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater appears limited to the immediate vicinity of the former USTs; and
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release CDW Properties of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the gasoline USTs at the CDW Properties 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,


George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Barre Selectboard
Brad Wheeler, The Johnson Company, Inc.
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