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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Vermont Law School, VT (Site #94-1653)

Dear Mr. Dellemarre:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the Griffin International, Inc. site investigation report dated September 12, 1995 for the above referenced site. During the removal of the 1,000-gallon #2 fuel oil underground storage tank (UST), soils screened at the maximum depth of the excavation had volatile organic compound concentrations of 56.6 parts per million (ppm), as measured by a photoionization detector (PID). The initial investigation included the advancement of one soil boring in the former UST pit, screening split spoon soil samples, and collecting a soil sample for laboratory analysis. 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 1,000-gallon #2 fuel oil UST has been removed from the ground, and is no longer a potential source of petroleum contamination at this site;
soils screened during the advancement of the soil boring in the former UST pit contained no PID readings above one (1) ppm, and it appears that the degree and extent of soil contamination was very limited;
groundwater was encountered at a depth of approximately 14 feet below ground surface, and the soil samples collected from this depth contained no evidence of petroleum contamination by either visual or olfactory observation, PID screening, or laboratory analysis; 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 Vermont Law School of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination which was discovered to have originated from the #2 fuel oil UST at the Vermont Law School (Davis House) site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed in response to the contamination which was discovered at this site. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Matthew Moran at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chuck Schwer

Chuck Schwer, Acting Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Kristen Underwood, Griffin
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