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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Ethan Allen Air Force Base, S. Burlington (Site #94-1663)

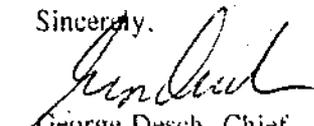
Dear Mr. Laraway:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has recently reviewed the above referenced site file to evaluate whether it could be assigned a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. The above cited location was listed as one of Vermont's active hazardous waste sites following discovery of contamination during the closure of a 1,000-gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) in August 1994. During the tank removal, soils screened using a photoionization detector (PID) contained maximum volatile organic compound concentrations of 17 parts per million (ppm). All petroleum contaminated soils with detectable PID readings were excavated and temporarily stockpiled onsite. A total of 20.58 metric tons of petroleum contaminated soils were removed. On October 4, 1994, these soils were disposed at the Williston Landfill. Groundwater was not encountered during the UST site assessment, and no potential sensitive receptors were identified within a 1,000-foot radius of the site. 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 fuel oil UST has been removed from the ground, and is no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- all petroleum contaminated soils were excavated and subsequently disposed at the Williston Landfill; 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 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the fuel oil UST at the former Ethan Allen Air Force Base 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: South Burlington Selectboard
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