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Mr. Lutz Saborowski
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed Designation, Lutz's Automotive
Montgomery Center, Vermont (Site #95-1789)

Dear Mr. Saborowski:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has had the opportunity to review this site for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. A SMAC designation is now appropriate for this site given that the residual onsite contamination has been noticed to the land record and all groundwater monitoring wells have been decommissioned. Both events were documented in the ECS letter, dated August 7, 2006. This decision is described below.

This site was opened in June 1995, after evidence of gasoline contamination was found during the site assessment for replacing product lines on the three gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs). In response three soil borings were completed as groundwater monitoring wells between the former product lines and the nearby Trout River. Several borings were also attempted immediately adjacent to the former product lines, but a subsurface feature (possibly a former foundation) prevented installation of monitoring wells. In addition, piezometers have been periodically installed along the banks of the river. The basements of the two adjacent buildings were screened with a photoionization detector (PID), with no significant detections. The area is served by municipal water, and no drinking water supplies were identified in significant proximity to the site.

After 11 years of groundwater monitoring, contaminant concentrations have steadily declined and are approaching the "Enforcement Standards" of the State of Vermont's "Groundwater Protection Rule and Strategy." In addition, there is compliance with enforcement standards at the property boundaries, as evidenced by data from piezometers adjacent to the Trout River. Rather than continuing to monitor until standards were attained site-wide, a notice describing the residual contamination was placed on the land record to serve as an institutional control.

Based on the above, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC designation. The following conclusions have been made by the SMS:

- there is no longer an ongoing source of gasoline contamination with the replacement of the deteriorated piping;
- all groundwater monitoring wells have been properly closed to ensure that they cannot serve as a potential conduit between surface releases and groundwater;

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- any residual soil and groundwater contamination is limited to the immediate area of the former gasoline release(s) and will be naturally attenuated over time; and
- the residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or to the environment.

Based on the above, the gasoline contamination no longer poses an unreasonable risk to human health and safety or to the environment. Therefore, the SMS is assigning this site a SMAC designation. This designation does not release Mr. Lutz Saborowski of any past or future liability associated with any residual gasoline contamination originating from Lutz's Automotive. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work at this time. 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

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