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RE: Sites Management Activity Completed at Northern States Paper Mill (Site #95-1843)

Dear Mr. Stewart:

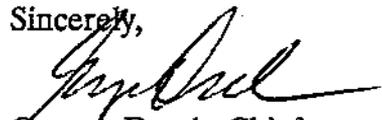
The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed North Country Environmental Services' (NCES) May 10, 1996 letter summarizing the results of the most recent groundwater analyses at the above referenced site. Based on these results, the SMS can now conclude the following at this site:

1. One 20,000 gallon underground storage tank (UST) containing #2 fuel oil was closed on July 25, 1995. During the tank closure, three test pits were dug along the north side of the tank. Soils screened at the west corner had peak volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations of 349 ppm using a photoionization detector. The other two test pits had readings of 15.1 and 0 ppm at the northwest corner and the middle of the north side, respectively. Neither groundwater nor free product was found to be present. All excavated soil was backfilled since the full extent of the contamination was unknown.
2. A complete site investigation was completed by NCES during November, 1995. Limited residual soil contamination was identified in the three soil borings advanced onsite. The groundwater analytical results from the three monitoring wells installed onsite did not indicate any detectable compounds above the method detection limits.
3. Groundwater samples collected on April 24, 1996 confirmed that there was no impact of petroleum contamination above our SMS guidelines for groundwater contamination.
4. No sensitive receptors were identified which appear to be at risk from the contamination onsite.

Based on this information, the SMS is now designating this site as Sites Management Activity Complete (SMAC). A SMAC designation does not relieve the Island Corporation of the liability

associated with any past or present contamination onsite. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the July 25, 1995 UST closure at this time. The SMS appreciates your cooperation in conducting the necessary investigation at this site. Please feel free to call with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief
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