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RE: Sites Management Activity Complete, MTS-Agway, SMS Site #1996-2016
Middlebury, Vermont

Dear Mr. Williams:

During an ongoing review of inactive sites the Sites Management Section (SMS) reviewed the site file for the MTS-Agway facility, SMS #1996-2016, in Middlebury. Following this review, the SMS can now make the following conclusions:

- On June 6, 1996 one 10,000 gallon diesel fuel underground storage tank (UST) was removed from the MTS Agway facility at 45-47 Exchange Street in Middlebury.
- During the UST removal, soils under the fuel pump were found to be contaminated with petroleum compounds. A fuel odor was reported and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were measured with a photoionization detector (PID); the maximum PID reading was 96.7 parts per million (ppm). Groundwater was not observed. No other soil staining, odors, or elevated PID readings were noted during the removal of the UST.
- 1 yd³ of contaminated soil was removed and added to an on site stockpile of 4 yd³. This previously existing stockpile was the result of an unreported fuel pump leak from 2 years prior. Soils were reported to be 1' of sandy loam overlying clay to 10', the bottom of the excavation. The tank itself was sitting on sand backfill. Our September 6, 1996 review letter of the UST removal report required a soil management plan, but no further site investigation or remediation was deemed necessary.
- November 14, 1996 the SMS gave permission to move this soil stockpile off site to the Naylor property in Salisbury and combine it with 180 yds³ of petroleum contaminated soil generated during a UST replacement at the Route 7 Agway, SMS #91-1159. June 16, 2000 soil samples were taken from the combined stockpile and the results showed that the soil could be disposed of. On May 21, 2003 SMS permission was given to dispose of the soil by thin spreading at the stockpile location.
- Residual contamination in the soil was shown during the pump and UST removal to be confined to the area immediately under the fuel pump; this was excavated during the removal. Surrounding soil was reported to be clay, which would tend to limit contaminant migration.

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Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release Suburban Energy Services of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination onsite. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the 1996 diesel fuel UST removal.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Sites Management Section

CC: Middlebury Selectboard
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DEC Regional Office (via electronic mail) ✓