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Mr. Louis Verruso
L&E Distributors
Route 30
Manchester, VT 05255

RE: Results of Soil Screening at L&E Distributors in Manchester, VT (VTDEC Site #96-2095)

Dear Mr. Verruso:

This letter summarizes the results of screening of a soil stockpile containing residual petroleum at the above referenced site. The stockpile, which is estimated to contain approximately 2 cubic yards of soil, resulted from excavation associated with the December 11, 1996 removal of one 1,000 gallon diesel underground storage tank (UST) at the site. Soil screening is being conducted annually in accordance with the February 14, 1997 Work Plan and Cost Estimate prepared by Griffin International (Griffin). This plan was approved by both Mr. Verruso and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC).

On September 30, 1997, Griffin conducted screening of the soil stockpile for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) using an HNu model HW-101 photo ionization detector (PID). Prior to screening, the PID was properly calibrated according to the manufacturer's recommendation. Six hand auger holes were bored in the stockpile to depths ranging from approximately 1.0 foot to 2.0 feet below the surface of the stockpile. The sample locations were distributed to yield samples statistically representative of the stockpile. Screening was conducted via Griffin's Jar/Polyethylene Bag Headspace Protocol which meets State and industry standards. No visual or olfactory indications of petroleum contamination were evident. No VOCs were detected in any of the samples above background.

VTDEC guidelines for petroleum contaminated soil allow reclamation (spreading and seeding) of soils at the site of their origin, if VOC concentrations in the stockpile as indicated with a PID are below 1.0 ppm above background and no visual or olfactory evidence of petroleum contamination remains in the soil. Since the soil stockpile meets these requirements, Griffin

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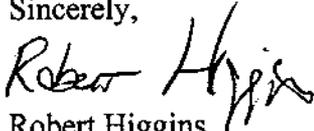
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recommends that the VTDEC approve reclamation of the soil stockpile at the L&E Distributors site. Griffin further recommends that this site be designated "Sites Management Activities Complete" (SMAC) status by the VTDEC after the stockpile has been reclaimed.

Please call me at if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Higgins

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