



## State of Vermont

---

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
State Geologist  
RELAY SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED  
1-800-253-0191 TDD>Voice  
1-800-253-0195 Voice>TDD

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Waste Management Division  
103 South Main Street / West Building  
Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0404  
802-241-3888  
fax: 802-241-3296  
[www.anr.state.vt.us](http://www.anr.state.vt.us)

May 1, 2006

Mr. Ronald Alderman  
7 Tel Road  
Bennington, VT 05201

RE: Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) for Earl's Service Station  
Bennington, Vermont \ SMS Site #1996-2108

Dear Mr. Alderman:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the site file for the above referenced site. Based on this review the SMS has concluded this site is eligible for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC). The SMS bases this decision on the following information:

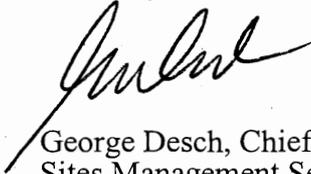
- Earl's Service Station is located at 251 North Street in the town of Bennington. The property is serviced by the municipal water and sewer systems.
- Earl's Service Station was listed on the Vermont Active Sites List in 1996 as SMS Site #96-2108 following the discovery of gasoline contamination during the removal of three underground storage tanks (USTs). The USTs were reported to be in excellent condition with the piping from one of the tanks reported in fair condition. PID readings were measured in soils near this piping at levels up to 210 parts per million (ppm). Approximately 80 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soils were excavated from around the USTs and polyencapsulated offsite at 219 Northside Drive in Bennington owned by William Thompson. No free phase product was encountered during this activity.
- In May 1997, groundwater quality samples were collected from two onsite monitoring wells to determine the presence of petroleum contamination. Results indicated low levels of contamination at concentrations well below the established groundwater enforcement standards. No additional groundwater monitoring was requested by the SMS.
- In August 1997, the polyencapsulated soils were field screened with a PID and revealed positive PID readings up to 2.1 ppm. Follow up sampling in March 1998 revealed non-detect readings on the PID. A confirmatory laboratory sample was collected and revealed no detectable volatile organic compounds. These soils have been used as fill.

- A receptor survey indicates that no apparent threat to identified receptors exists due to any residual contamination that may remain.
- The onsite monitoring wells have been properly abandoned to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface.
- The property has been evaluated with respect to the contamination originally discovered during the 1996 UST closure work.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release the owners and operators of the Earl's Service Station property of any past or future liability associated with any residual contamination remaining in the ground from the former USTs. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work at this time. Any additional information, which may come to light in the future, may be cause for reconsideration of this decision.

If you have any questions, then please feel free to contact Linda Elliott or myself at 802-241-3888.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief  
Sites Management Section

c: Bennington City Clerk  
DEC Regional Office

gd:\e\K:\site.files\1996.Earl's.Service.Station\2006\0501.Alderman.smac.letter