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MR. ANDY CAY  
CAY, BELL AND COMPANIES, INC.  
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RE: Merchants Bank Property, Bradford, Vermont, Site # 97-2133

Dear Mr. Cay:

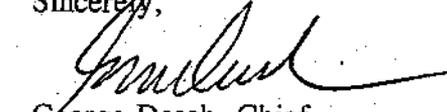
The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Sites Management Section (SMS), reviewed the Merchants Bank Property file. Based on the information contained in the file, the SMS has concluded the following:

- The property was the location of a gasoline/service station from approximately 1943-1973.
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in subsurface soils in the vicinity of the former UST location.
- Analysis of groundwater samples have detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in monitor well JCO-103 installed in the immediate vicinity of the former USTs. VOCs detected in groundwater collected from JCO-103 include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes. Of these VOCs, none were present at concentrations above established Ground Water Enforcement Standards (GWES).
- Institutional controls have been implemented that prohibit additional construction on the property.
- No unacceptable threat to human health or the environment exists at the site.

For these reasons, the SMS has determined a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation is warranted for the Merchants Bank Property. The SMAC designation does not release previous or current owners/operators from past or future liability which may arise from the contamination that originated at the property. It does mean that the SMS, at this time, is not requiring any additional investigation or remediation at the property.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Chuck Schwer at the phone/fax number or address identified at the top of the preceding page.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief  
Sites Management Section

cc: DEC Regional Office  
Bradford Selectboard

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