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Mr. John Gay, E.I.
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RE: Common Ground Warehouse, Hyde Park, VT
VTDEC Site #97-2192

Dear Mr. Gay:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) Checklist and KD Associates, Inc. May 17, 2004 letter pertaining to the above mentioned site. The SMS concludes the following:

- In June 1997, a 275 gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) was removed from the site. An environmental impact assessment was not conducted at the time of the UST removal, however the owner of the tank indicated that olfactory evidence of petroleum contamination was evident.
- From July 1997 through January 1999 several site investigations including the installation of groundwater monitoring wells, contaminated soil removal and the installation of an interceptor trench and recovery well were conducted.
- Quarterly water quality sampling and monitoring of the contaminated soil stockpile was performed until December 1999 when they were reduced to semi-annual.
- In June 2001, the SMS eliminated all wells except RW-1 from the sample schedule since they had consistently reported non-detect levels.
- The approximately 50 cubic yards of contaminated soil stockpiled at the site was approved for thinspreading in August 2001.
- RW-1 reported no exceedences in the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) Groundwater Quality Enforcement Standards (VGES) during the May 2004 sampling event.
- All groundwater monitoring wells on the site have been properly abandoned in accordance with Vermont Water Supply Rule, Chapter 21.

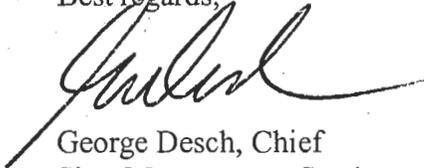
Based on the results of the work conducted, the site has been assigned a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the Waste Management Division (WMD) has determined require no further management are given a SMAC designation. The designation does not release Casella Waste Management, Inc. or the former owner, Mr. Robert Houle from any past or future liability which

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may arise from the contamination which originated from the former UST. The SMAC designation does mean that the SMS isn't requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the initial contamination.

Please feel free to call either Tami Wuestenberg or Chuck Schwer if you have any questions regarding the above.

Best regards,



George Desch, Chief
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