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Mr. Jim Robinson
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed at the F.R. Lafayette (SMS Site # 97-2207), Essex Junction, Vermont

Dear Mr. Robinson:

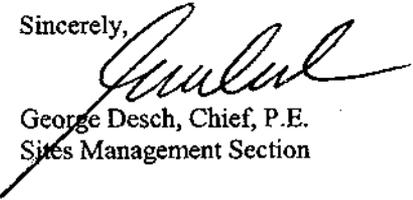
The Sites Management Section (SMS) has completed a file review, for the above referenced site, referencing the contamination discovered during the routine removal and replacement upgrade of one (1) 4,000 gallon diesel fuel underground storage tank (UST) and one (1) 4,000 gallon gasoline UST, at F.R. Lafayette, Inc., 52 Kellogg Road, Essex Junction, Vermont. With this information the SMS can now make the following conclusions:

- On July 8, 1997, petroleum contaminated soils were encountered during the routine removal and replacement upgrade of one (1) 4,000 gallon diesel fuel UST (UST #1) and one (1) 4,000 gallon gasoline UST (UST #2).
- During site activities, approximately 15 cubic yards of contaminated soil with photoionization (PID) concentrations up to 110 parts per million (ppm) were removed from the excavation of UST #1 and polyencapsulated on-site. Soils from UST #2 were non-detectable for volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
- Contaminated soils were removed from the excavation of UST #1 until the limits of petroleum contamination were defined and removed.
- No groundwater or free product was encountered at a depth of approximately 9.0 feet below ground surface (bfgs) in the excavations.
- On September 1, 1998, six hand auger holes were bored into the soil stockpile. PID screening for VOCs recorded a peak VOC concentration of 2.6 ppm and a average VOC concentration of 0.65 ppm.
- In a letter dated November 16, 1998, the SMS gave permission for the soil stockpile to be dismantled and spread on-site.
- In a letter dated June 1, 2001, Robin Marshall, Office Manager, confirmed that the soil stockpile had been dismantled and thin-spread on site after receiving permission from the SMS.
- No unacceptable risk to human health and the environment is present due to the residual contamination remaining in the ground from the contaminated soils encountered during the routine removal of one (1) 4,000 gallon diesel fuel UST and (1) 4,000 gallon gasoline UST from F.R. Lafayette in July of 1997.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation will not release you from any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination at the site. It does, however, mean the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the USTs removal from F.R. Lafayette in July of 1997.

Please call me with any questions you may have. I can be reached at (802) 241-3491.

Sincerely,


George Desch, Chief, P.E.
Sites Management Section

cc: Essex Select Board w/o enclosure
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