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Mr. Daniel Hill
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RE: Petroleum Contamination
Hardwick Treatment Plant
SMS Site # 97-2221

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the information provided by Griffin International, Inc. (Griffin) dated April 1998. The SMS has also reviewed the information contained in the site file.

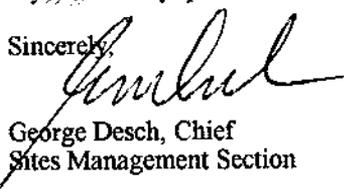
With this information, the SMS can make the following determination that:

- On July 21, 1997, Griffin conducted two #2 fuel oil UST removals.
- During the UST removal, soil adjacent to the UST was found to be contaminated (42 ppmv) with petroleum compounds at concentrations above SMS guideline levels, as measured with a Photoionization Device (PID).
- A report dated April 1998 details a site investigation that included four soil borings, installation of four groundwater monitoring wells, and sampling and laboratory analyses site groundwater. No VOC's were detected in the soil borings. No petroleum contamination was detected in the four groundwater monitoring wells above laboratory method detection limits.
- The report concluded that the risk posed to sensitive receptors appear minimal.
- There is not significant threat to human health or the environment resulting from this release.

Based on the above, SMS concurs with the Griffin's recommendations and is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation.

This SMAC designation does not release the Town of Hardwick of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination remaining at the site. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work at this time. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,


George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Hardwick Selectboard
Hardwick Health Officer

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