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RE: Johnson's Fuel Service, Manchester, Vermont (Site #97-2256)

Dear Mr. Freed:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed this site for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation following the receipt of a copy of a Notice to the Land Record on July 23, 2001. With the emplacement of institutional controls for the existing residual contamination, the SMS has concluded that this site meets our policy for SMAC designations.

This designation also means the SMS has concluded the following:

- there have been no significant additional releases from the bulk above ground storage tanks since evidence of contamination was initially discovered and documented in a "*Phase II Environmental Site Assessment*" report dated August 1997;
- the residual soil and groundwater contamination in the immediate vicinity of the above ground storage tanks does not pose a significant risk to human health or to the environment given not only the contaminant levels but also the institutional control for ensuring proper management of the affected area;
- any significant residual contamination is contained within the existing parcel, as evidenced by the lack of Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standard violations at the downgradient portions of the property;
- the subject property and surrounding area are served by municipal water, and no potential sensitive receptors (e.g., indoor air, surface water bodies, etc.) have been found that are threatened by the release; and
- the site does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or to the environment, and any residual contamination will be naturally attenuated over time.

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Based on these findings, the site has been assigned a SMAC designation. Sites that the SMS has deemed require no further management are classified as SMAC. This designation does not release Apollo Industries from any past or future liability that may arise from the petroleum contamination which originated from the bulk above ground storage tank system at this site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the contaminant discovery documented in August 1997. If any additional information comes to light in the future, then the SMS may reconsider this determination.

If the monitoring wells are no longer used or maintained, then they must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure typically involves filling the wells with a grout material to prevent fluid migration in the borehole. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule-Chapter 21. Also, the road box or stand-up well guard for a monitoring well must be removed before well closure is considered complete. Please have your consultant submit a plan for the monitoring wells within 15 days of your receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Matt Moran at 802-241-3888.

Sincerely,



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