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MR GARY THURSTON
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GREENFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Westminster Station Market, Westminster, Vermont (site #97-2282)

Dear Mr. Thurston:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has received and reviewed the July 11, 2000 Griffin International, Inc. report concerning the above referenced site. Based on a review of the file, the current conditions at this site and the results of the additional information submitted, the SMS has determined that this site meets the Waste Management Division's Sites Management Activities Complete (SMAC) policy.

This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the source of the potential contamination at this site has been adequately characterized and removed (the three underground storage tanks (UST) and piping have been removed and the estimated 150 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soils has been properly treated and disposed of);
- groundwater under the site meets Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards;
- the site does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

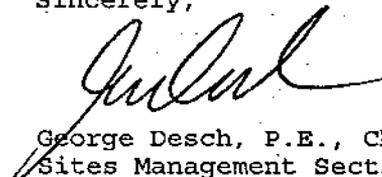
Based on these findings, the site has been assigned a Site Management Activities Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the Waste Management Division has determined require no further management are classified as SMAC. This designation does not release Rice Oil Company, Inc. from any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination which originated from the underground 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 1997 release. If any additional information comes to light in the future, then the SMS may reconsider this determination.

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If the monitoring well(s) 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 well(s) 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.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Richard Spiese or me at (802) 241-3888.

Sincerely,



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