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Mr. Warren Williams  
Former Fuiks Property  
300 Main Street  
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed at the Former Fuiks Property,  
300 Main Street, Wardsboro, Vermont  
(SMS Site # 97-2283)

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has completed a file review, for the above referenced site, referencing the contamination discovered during the removal of one (1) 550 gallon No. 2 fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) at the Former Fuiks Property, Wardsboro, Vermont. With this information the SMS can now make the following determination:

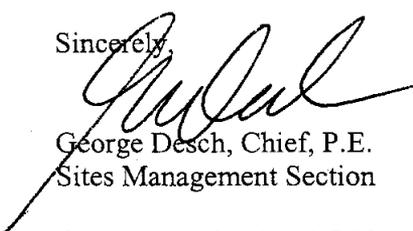
- On October 7, 1997, petroleum contaminated soils (PCS) were discovered during the removal of one (1) 550 gallon No. 2 fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) at the above referenced site.
- Screened soils from the UST excavation had volatile organic compound (VOCs) concentrations ranging up to 35 parts per million (ppm), as measured by a photoionization detector (PID). No VOCs were detected in the ambient air of the house basement when screened with a PID.
- The tank's age was unknown, but it was reported to be in fair to good condition.
- The soils in the excavation consisted primarily of brown sands, gravel and some cobbles.
- On October 7, 1997, approximately 12 cubic yards of PCS were excavated from the tank area and polyencapsulated on-site. On October 9, 1997, a soil sample was collected from the encapsulated soils and submitted for laboratory analysis. The soil sample was analyzed for Total RCRA 8 Metals, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) by EPA Method 8100M, and VOCs via EPA Method 8260.
- No VOCs were detected above method detection limits. RCRA8 Total Metals Barium, Chromium and Lead were detected above method detection limits, but they did not exceed EPA Region III soil standards.
- On January 10, 1998, the soils were transported for disposal at the MTS, Inc., facility in Chichester, NH.
- Groundwater was encountered at a depth of 6.0 feet in the excavation, and bedrock was encountered at a depth of approximately 8.0 feet. No evidence of groundwater contamination was observed in the excavation and no free product was noted.

- A sample from the on-site drinking water supply well was collected on February 5, 1998 and submitted for laboratory analysis. The sample was analyzed for VOCs via EPA Method 8260. No VOCs were detected.
- In a letter dated March 10, 1998, the SMS requested additional work to determine the amount, if any, of the contamination in the groundwater, and that a sensitive receptor survey be undertaken. In a June 2, 1998 letter, the SMS approved a May 15, 1998 work plan designed to accomplish these tasks.
- In letters dated October 21, 2003 and March 30, 2004, the SMS repeated its request for the completion of the additional work.
- On May 6, 2004, three soil borings were advanced in the area of the former tank grave and in the assumed direction of the groundwater flow. Soil samples collected from the borings were submitted for laboratory analysis. No VOCs were detected when the samples were analyzed via EPA Method 8260.
- The site and surrounding properties are serviced by private wells.
- No sensitive receptors appear to be threatened or impacted.
- 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 removal of one (1) 550 gallon No. 2 fuel oil UST from the Former Fuiks Property in October of 1997.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a 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 UST removal from the Former Fuiks Property in Wardsboro, Vermont, in October of 1997.

Please feel free to call with any questions. I can be reached at (802) 241-3491.

Sincerely,



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Sites Management Section

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