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ATTN RICK LEBRUN
MAPLE GROVE FARMS OF VERMONT
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed - Maple Grove Farms of Vermont Site (#97-2308)

Dear Mr. LeBrun:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the site file of the above referenced site. During the tank removal, a petroleum sheen was noted on the water table in the tank pit and elevated concentrations of petroleum vapors were detected in the subsurface soil. Due to limited work space on site, the soil was backfilled into the tank pit and four monitoring wells were installed to use for groundwater monitoring. Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

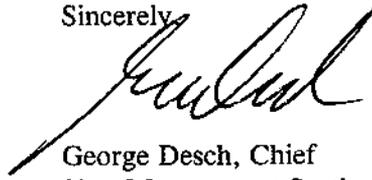
- the 10,000 gallon #2 fuel oil UST has been removed from the ground, and is no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- groundwater has not been greatly impacted by the release as evidenced by there only being one target compound detected in the four groundwater samples and that was significantly below the Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standard (VGES) for that constituent.
- all petroleum contaminated soil was backfilled into the former tank pit but has been determined to have not greatly impacted the subsurface based on there being no compounds detected in the groundwater above the VGES; and
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release Maple Grove Farms of Vermont of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the UST at the Maple Grove Farms of Vermont site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site.

If the monitoring wells are no longer in use or maintained, they must be closed to eliminate a possible conduit for residual contamination migration into the subsurface. Closure typically involves filling the wells with a grout material to prevent migration into the borehole. Also, the road box or well guard must be removed before closure is considered complete. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule - Chapter 21. A copy of Vermont Water Supply Rule may be obtained from the DEC, Water Supply Division.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Tim Cropley at (802)241-3888.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Desch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Brent Deshaies, Marin Environmental
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