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Mr. John Hand
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RE: Petroleum Contamination at Hand Chevrolet
Bennington, Vermont
SMS Site # 98-2518

Dear Mr. Hand:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the information provided by you and Precision Industrial Maintenance, Inc. (PIM) dated December 30, 1998 and February 2, 1999. 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 30, 1998, PIM conducted three UST removals: two motor oils USTs and an oil-water separator discharge storage UST.
During the UST removal, soil adjacent to the UST was found to be contaminated (35 ppmv) with petroleum compounds at concentrations above SMS guideline levels, as measured with a Photoionization Device (PID).
Three cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated and transported off-site under Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest to Northeast Environmental Services in Wampsville, New York. Confirmatory samples of the UST excavated soils contained 20 ppm TPH by EPA method 8100, modified. No volatile organic compounds were detected above method detection limits.
PIM indicated the only sensitive receptor at or near the site was the West Branch River located adjacent to the site.
There is not significant threat to human health or the environment resulting from this release.

Based on the above, SMS concurs with the PIM recommendations and is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release Hand Chevrolet 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 either me or Bob Butler at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,

George Descht, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Manchester Center Selectboard
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