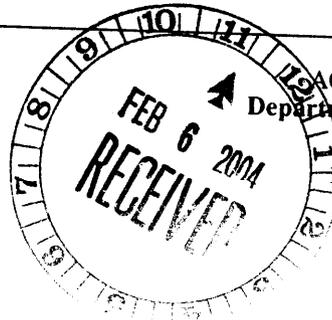




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AB-444 (SUB-NO. 1X)

RE: Agency of Transportation Railway Garage in Morrisville, Vermont (Site #98-2566)  
Docket No. AB-444 (Sub-No. 1X)

To Whom it May Concern:

I am responding to an Environmental Assessment received by the Sites Management Section (SMS) on January 26, 2004 for the **Lamoille Valley Railroad Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption – in Caledonia, Wahsington, Orleans, Lamoille, and Franklin Counties, VT.** Specifically, I am writing to provide information on the former engine house and repair shop in Morrisville, Vermont.

The Agency of Transportation (AOT) Railway Garage was initially placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System database in June, 1988. Areas of potential contamination were identified in the EPA's Preliminary Assessment which was completed on March 28, 1989. The property also received a "No Further Remedial Action Planned" (NFRAP) decision on March 28, 1989. In December, 1998, following the removal of an underground storage tank (UST) and its associated piping, and two aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) and their associated piping, the site was placed on the State's Active Hazardous Sites List. Petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater is present at the site. If excavations are to be conducted, it is likely that contaminated soil will be encountered. Precautions should be taken to ensure that all contaminated soil is dealt with according to the *Agency Guidelines for Petroleum Contaminated Soil and Debris*, which can be found on the SMS website, <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/sms/smsgdint.htm>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I may be reached at (802)241-3883 or [lynda.provencher@anr.state.vt.us](mailto:lynda.provencher@anr.state.vt.us).

Sincerely,

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