

September 18, 2002

Kevin Delaney, P.E. Environmental Engineer I Division of Environmental Remediation NYS Department of Environmental Conservation 615 Erie Boulevard West Syracuse, NY 13204

Re: SCM Site - Town of Cortlandville - 2001 Annual Report

Dear Kevin:

This report will summarize the remediation activities at the subject site during calendar year 2001 and is submitted in support of the consent agreement between SCM and NYSDEC. As reported in previous correspondence, the property is owned by SCWP, LLC and this report is submitted at the direction of Michael Chernago, the SCWP on-site representative.

In the year 1999 year-end report of April 12, 2000 it was recommended that the blowers for the air stripper be shut down to reduce operating costs. Data was presented supporting the recommendation. On 10-19-00 NYSDEC requested a laboratory split sample to verify system performance with the blowers turned off. A re-sample was taken on 10-26-00. Data from both laboratories indicated that the system performance was adequate to meet discharge limits with the blowers off.

Your correspondence of May 10, 2001 indicated that the use of the air stripper blower could be discontinued with three stipulations. The first condition was that groundwater from the recovery well was still to be treated through the air stripper. The groundwater has continued to be treated and documentation to that affect follows. The second condition was that the blowers to the air stripper were to remain in place and in working condition. Michael Chernago indicates that the blowers remain in place and are able to be used in case they are needed. The third condition was that groundwater monitoring be done on a monthly basis on the influent, at the stripper discharge point and at the cascade outfall. If the outfall analysis showed TCE above 5 ug/l the use of the blower was to be resumed immediately. The third condition also allowed that SCWP could petition for a return to quarterly sampling if supporting data showed adequate treatment without blower usage.

The blower was shut down on May 11, 2001 at 2:50 PM. The first sampling event without the blower in use was May17, 2001. Results from the tower influent, tower effluent and at the outfall at the bottom of the cascade are attached and indicate satisfactory performance. At no time since the discontinuance of the blower has the concentration of TCE at the outfall exceeded 5 ug/l, the average for 2001 being 1.78 ug/l.

There were no substantive changes to the groundwater pumping system and air stripper during the year. Mike Chernago reported that the system operated continuously during 2001 except for approximately 8-10 hours during routine maintenance operations. The pumping rate at the end of the year was reported to be approximately 800 gpm, which would indicate that at least 390 million gallons of water were pumped and treated during 2001.

Note:

This Annual Report has been reproduced without the 40 pages of analytical laboratory reports. The results of these reports are included in the summary on the two page spreadsheet titled "SCM Site, Town of Cortlandville, Historical TCE, Total VOC."

Seventeen monitoring wells were sampled November 13, 2001 and analyzed for volatile organic contaminants by EPA 8021 methodology. An eighteenth well was unable to be sampled due to a blockage. Seven of the wells have TCE concentrations in excess of the 5 ug/l groundwater standard. Of the ten wells meeting the standard, six of the wells were non-detect for all volatile compounds. The laboratory reports follow and data are summarized along with historical results on an enclosed spreadsheet entitled *SCM Site, Historical TCE, Total VOC*. The two wells with the highest total VOC concentrations are MW-11 (31.2 ug/l) and MW-7 (23.2 ug/l). While MW-11 has the highest total VOCs, five other wells have TCE in higher concentrations than MW-11.

System performance samples have been taken on a monthly basis during 2002 and will be reviewed and compiled into an annual report shortly. At that time, SCWP may petition to return to quarterly sampling.

Please let me know if there are any questions concerning this report or the data presented.

Sincerely,

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President

Attachments: Lab reports Spreadsheet Graphs

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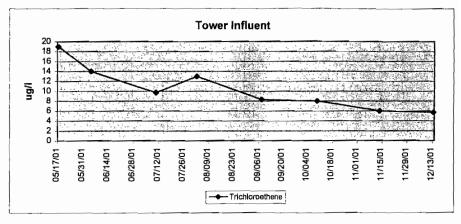
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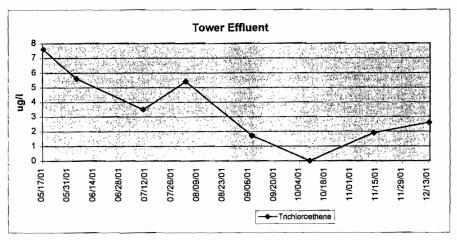
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World data are from Upstate Labs, Inc. Data after 3/99 are from Buck Env. Labs, Inc.
Wells MW-BE1 and MW-BE2 were installed in 1999 by Buck Engineering.

## Tower Influent

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## **Tower Effluent**



## Outfall @ Bottom of Cascade

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