



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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Vipulkumar Patel

Rajipo 1921 LLC
1921 Dover Road
Epsom, New Hampshire 03234

Subject Site: **Epsom** – Epsom Circle Market, 1921 Dover Road
DES Site #199104001, LUST Project #2862

Initial Site Characterization Report, prepared by Wilcox & Barton, Inc., dated
June 30, 2023 (Activity #315341)

Dear Vipulkumar Patel:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has reviewed the subject report and other information in our files regarding the petroleum hydrocarbon discharge discovered on April 2, 1991 at the referenced site. NHDES approves the report as meeting the requirements of an Initial Site Characterization report as documented in New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Env-Or 600, Contaminated Site Management. Based on our review of the existing information, NHDES has the following comments:

1. The analytical results reported for groundwater assessment samples collect during the closure of two underground storage tanks (USTs) during April 2022 indicated dissolved petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in groundwater at concentrations exceeding the applicable New Hampshire Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS). NHDES further notes that soil assessment samples analyzed in conjunction with the UST closure activities did not identify contamination exceeding applicable standards.
2. The groundwater and water supply samples analyzed during this investigation did not confirm the results reported for the UST closure assessment samples.
3. NHDES agrees with your consultant's recommendation to complete additional groundwater quality monitoring. Please direct your consultant to collect samples from the on-site water supply well (inactive Public Water System [PWS] 0778090) and monitoring wells B(MW)-1, B(MW)-2, and B(MW)-3 during October 2023 and April 2024. The samples shall be submitted to a N.H.-certified laboratory for analysis of VOCs reported for the NHDES Waste Management Division's Full List of Analytes for Volatile Organics. The samples from the water supply shall be reported at drinking water detection limits.

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The observations and analytical results shall be documented to NHDES in standard data submittals due within 45 days of collecting the samples. Please note that **immediate verbal notification is required upon receipt of analytical sampling results indicating exceedance of the applicable AGQS for drinking water that is untreated prior to the tap.** The laboratory reports shall be submitted within 5 days of the verbal notification.

Facility Compliance and Cost Reimbursement

A review of NHDES files indicates that Rajipo 1921 LLC is eligible to be reimbursed by the New Hampshire Petroleum Reimbursement Fund Program (Fund) for costs to implement NHDES-required investigation and remediation related to the petroleum hydrocarbon discharge discovered on April 2, 1991.

To receive reimbursement from the Fund, all work must be pre-approved and conducted in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Odb-400. Please direct your consultant to submit a detailed work scope and budget for the requested groundwater quality monitoring and reporting to NHDES for approval. The budget must be prepared using the [N.H. Petroleum Reimbursement Fund Program Unit-Based Costs](#) as revised January 1, 2023. The work scope and budget is due within 30 days of receipt of this letter. For additional assistance on the Fund reimbursement process and compliance status of your facility, please contact Jennifer Marts, P.G., Petroleum Fund Management Section Supervisor, at (603) 271-2570 or by e-mail at Jennifer.A.Marts@des.nh.gov.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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