



October 21, 2019

Ms. Susan Bull
Maryland Department of the Environment
Oil Control Program
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1719

Re: **Request for Case Closure
Gasoline Fueling Station – Royal Farms #96
500 Mechanics Valley Road
North East, Maryland 21901
MDE Case No. 2011-0729-CE
MDE Facility No. 13326
AEC Project No. 05-056, RF-096**

Dear Ms. Bull,

Two Farms, Inc. dba Royal Farms is pleased to submit this Request for Case Closure for Royal Farms #96 at 500 Mechanics Valley Road, North East, Maryland (i.e., the "Site").

In a letter dated February 6, 2018, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Oil Control Program (OCP) stated that all monitoring and recovery wells at the Site must be abandoned by a Maryland-licensed well driller in accordance with all applicable requirements of Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 26.04.04.34, with the exception of six monitoring wells that were left open for semi-annual groundwater sampling in accordance with COMAR 26.10.02.03-4 for high risk groundwater use areas (HRGUAs). The monitoring and recovery wells were abandoned by Mr. Carl Hugo, a Maryland-licensed master well driller, on March 13 and 14, 2018, and well abandonment reports were sent to the MDE OCP and to the Cecil County Department of Health on March 26, 2018.

Also, in accordance with the MDE OCP letter dated February 6, 2018, Advantage Environmental Consultants, LLC (AEC) triple rinsed and filled all underground piping associated with the remediation system with concrete slurry. This work was also performed by Mr. Carl Hugo and was completed on March 23, 2018. Finally, the remediation system was removed from the Site on August 23, 2019 by Mr. Carl Hugo. Photographs showing the system removal are included as an attachment.

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The MDE OCP letter dated February 6, 2018 stated that the OCP would issue case closure correspondence following proper abandonment of the remediation system and wells. We have met all requirements of this letter, and therefore AEC respectfully requests closure of MDE OCP case number 2011-0729-CE.

AEC will continue to sample the remaining six monitoring wells (MW-1R, MW-2, MW-4, MW-6, MW-8, and MW-9) for HRGUAs on a semi-annual basis and will continue to collect quarterly potable well samples from the store's well. AEC is still awaiting clarification on whether off-Site potable well sampling can be discontinued.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at 410.812.9324 or truzin@royalfarms.com.

Sincerely,

Two Farms, Inc. dba Royal Farms



Thomas E Ruszin III
Fuel & Environmental Leader

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Steve Dessel, AEC

Attachment



Photograph 1: View of the remediation system being removed from the Site.



Photograph 2: View of the area where the remediation system was formerly located.