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Environmental Scientists and Field Services

July 15, 2019

Mary O'Neil, AICP, Principal Planner
City of Burlington
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

RE: Former M&H Auto, 110 Riverside Avenue, Burlington, Vermont

Dear Ms. O'Neil:

On behalf of the property owner, Joseph Handy, I am writing this letter to update you on the environmental work planned for the former M&H Auto located at 110 Riverside Avenue in Burlington, Vermont.

In an email you wrote to Steve Guild, on July 5, 2019 you stated the following: "We don't have any additional information on DEC review of the site; Phase II studies, A CAP or SMAC plan with a record of decision. This is a huge omission, and needs attention. The DRB cannot make a determination as to the appropriateness for residential redevelopment without this information." You are correct the State of Vermont DEC has not performed any additional review of the site. That is because the property is not currently a State of Vermont Site. The confusion on this has arisen because the State of Vermont database incorrectly lists M&H Auto as Site 94-1733. Site 94-1733 is located at 140 Riverside and should be assigned to All Star Collision Center. Since 110 Riverside Avenue is not a Site, a CAP or SMAC plan is not appropriate at this time.

The DEC does have a copy of the Phase I report prepared by The Verterre Group and dated February 7, 2013. In that Phase I report Verterre recommended a Phase II investigation. This investigation has not been completed because currently the property is occupied by a building and many vehicles. Once Mr. Handy has a demolition permit the vehicles will be moved and the building demolished.

Verterre will be on site during the building demolition to investigate if abandoned tanks, buried lifts, drains, and oil/water separators are present. If any of these items are located Verterre will ensure that they are handled appropriately. Verterre will additionally ensure that any waste or contaminated soil/groundwater is also handled appropriately. Any contamination will be brought to the attention of the State of Vermont DEC.

Once the building and vehicles are removed, Verterre will be able to perform a Phase II investigation more efficiently. The results of the Phase II investigation will be forwarded to yourself and the State of Vermont DEC. Further recommendations for the property will depend

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on the results of the Phase II. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 802-654-8663 extension 11 or via email at marthar@vterre.com.

Sincerely,
The Verterre Group

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