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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Groundwater Coordinating Committee

From: Rodney Pingree, Chair

Date: April 27, 2011

Subject: Minutes from the April 21st Meeting

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**Next Meeting:** *May 19, 2011*

**Attendees**

Dennis Nealon, ANR DEC Water Supply; Liz Royer, Vermont Rural Water Association; Gail Center, Vermont Department of Health; Larry Becker, Division of Geology and Mineral Resources; Laura Medalie, US Geologic Survey; Michael Smith ANR DEC Waste Management Division; Matt Levin, Vermonters for a Clean Environment.

**Groundwater Class IV Reclassification of the Central Vermont Properties, Inc. Engine House Yard in St. Albans**

Michael gave an overview of the consultant's (Arcadis) petition for the proposed Class IV reclassification of the Central Vermont Properties, Inc. Engine House Yard in St. Albans. The site was used as a rail yard since 1860 and years of fueling along with leaking storage tanks have caused contamination.

The contaminant is mostly diesel fuel. According to Michael the site has a very low transmissivity and the contaminants have not migrated off site. Long term monitoring is in place for continued assessment of the plume. The site remains an active rail yard and to protect the area from future spills pans have been placed under the tracks to capture the diesel.

Dennis mentioned that the Water Supply Division will review the petition for administrative completeness. Afterwards, Finding of Fact will be drafted with a recommendation regarding reclassification to the Secretary.

## **Groundwater Website**

The committee discussed the Division of Geology and Mineral Resource's website. A topic within this website is groundwater which Marjorie is currently working on. Creating links to Source Protection Areas and Waste Management Sites were suggested. Larry mentioned plans to make the website more interactive.

## **House Bill H.407**

The above bill proposes to place a \$0.28 charge on water withdrawn for the production of bottled water. The committee thought the language in the bill was very vague which in turn raised many questions. Matt believed it was unlikely that the bill would go anywhere this year. He also mentioned that his organization was not supportive of the bill.