Appendix B

Facility Description

Facility Description of the Environmental Safety Facility (ESF)

General Information

The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College (UVM) operates the Environmental Safety Facility (ESF), a hazardous waste treatment and storage facility, EPA ID# VTD000636563, located at 667 Spear Street in Burlington, Vermont. The ESF is owned and operated by UVM.

NAICS Code and Description	611310 - Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools
SIC Code and Description	8221 - Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools

ESF Operations

The primary function of the ESF is the management of hazardous waste generated by UVM. UVM may also manage waste at the ESF from UVM tenants and affiliates, as well as source generators as listed in Appendix D, "UVM Source Generators." Management policies are set forth in UVM's Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Hazardous and other regulated wastes are transported from UVM campuses to the ESF in accordance with DOT, OSHA, and Vermont Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (VHWMR). Once at the ESF, wastes are stored, then bulked or lab packed with compatible wastes, then shipped off-site for disposal at permitted Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDF). Hazardous wastes can be stored at the ESF for up to one year. Waste can be stored for greater than one year only if UVM can show that storage beyond one year is solely for the purpose of accumulating sufficient quantities necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment or disposal, or if there is no acceptable disposal outlet. Procedures for extending storage beyond one year are detailed in Appendix E, "Process Information and Container Management Plan."

ESF Site Description

The ESF is located in the City of Burlington at 667 Spear Street, approximately one mile South of UVM's athletic facilities within the UVM BioResearch Complex (BRC) on the West side of Spear Street. The land on which the ESF sits, is owned by UVM. The Burlington Country Club golf course forms the North and West boundaries of the site, approximately 300 feet from the ESF. The BRC is bounded by Spear Street on the East, approximately 1200 feet from the ESF. The Meadowbrook Condominium Association's multi-family housing, and the Roman Catholic Diocese's Rice High School, are located approximately 1000 feet to the South, and southwest respectively, of the ESF on the other side of a field cultivated by the UVM's Miller Research Farm.

The ESF is sited at the BRC to the West of the existing Large Animal Facility. The Large Animal Facility houses some UVM research activities as well as UVM's low-level radioactive waste storage area. These locations are not part of the ESF nor are they covered by this permit.

The land on which the ESF is built is approximately 3 acres in size. This parcel of land is defined by the golf course on the north, UVM's Large Animal Facility on the east, a UVM agricultural field to the south, and a hedgerow and drainage swale on the west. The ESF was built in 1993 and waste operations began in 1994. The land was previously used by UVM's College of Agriculture for small garden plots and as a test field for a study on the growth of hay. The field is not prime agricultural land because of poor drainage and wet conditions at various times of the year.

The ESF is located in close proximity to the main campus. This provides ease of transporting materials, as well as a quick response time for UVM Police Services to the ESF and a quick response time for the ESF staff to campus. Vehicles access Spear Street at the intersection of the BRC access road and Spear Street, located approximately 1/4 mile south of the UVM Dairy Farm on the west side of the road. The ESF site has been designed to handle tractor-trailer rigs and can accommodate a truck with a wheelbase of 50 feet.

Two access routes have been designed for emergency vehicles, one to the north and one to the south on the east side of the site. The paved drive all the way around the building is wide enough for emergency vehicles, including fire trucks. Most of the site is paved with asphalt; however, the truck bay and area directly in front of the truck bay are concrete.

Car traffic at the ESF site generally consists of privately owned vehicles of the people working in the building (approximately 6 to 9 people arriving and leaving work). The ESF has ten parking spaces including one handicap accessible space. The vehicles typically on site include one box-style truck and van, which are usually stored in the truck bay when not in use, and approximately seven ESF employee cars. Truck and van traffic consists of several daily trips by the ESF staff to the main campus. Typical delivery, maintenance and trash removal vehicles already serving the BRC also serve the ESF. Occasional traffic associated with training and meetings is also expected.

A security fence has been constructed around the ESF with access through a remote operated, automatic gate as well as a locked, manually operated gate. Exterior lighting has been installed for security and safety purposes.

The ESF site is elevated above the surrounding area. The entire site is pitched to drain into a moat along the Southern and Western sides to control runoff from the area and prevent run-on from outside the site. There is a subsurface drainage system outside along the north side of the building, adjacent to the waste storage rooms, to divert rain and snow water away from the ESF and into the moat.

Topographic maps of the site, ESF construction plans, a letter from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources stating that the site is not within the 100-year flood plain and a wind rose are included as Attachments B-1, B-2, B-3, and B-4, respectively.

Description of the Environmental Safety Facility

The ESF consists of the site contained within a 6 foot chain-link fence that includes a 9,000 square foot main building; and a 59 square foot, prefabricated steel, Reactives Storage Building. Both buildings and all areas within the fence-line are considered the ESF and are managed in accordance with this permit.

The main building is constructed of non-combustible concrete block with a concrete floor slab on grade. It has 9000 sq. ft. of floor area on two levels. The building includes offices for the ESF staff, a QA/QC laboratory, loading dock, truck bay, work area, chemical storage rooms, a chemical distribution and exchange room, restroom, locker room and shower, storage, mechanical spaces, and corridors.

The restroom, shower, laboratory sink, and workroom sink are connected to the South Burlington public sewer system. There are no floor drains in the hazardous waste storage areas of the ESF. Hazardous chemicals are not discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

The ESF alarm systems include fire detection, sprinkler flow, and intruder alarms. The entire ESF is protected by a wet sprinkler system connected to the Champlain Water District water main. The alarm systems are supervised twenty-four hours a day by the UVM's Physical Plant and Police Services Departments at a central monitoring station on the main campus. All lights, switches, fans, and other electrical devices, in the areas where hazardous wastes are stored, are intrinsically safe, to guard against fire or explosion.

The Reactives Storage Building is located approximately 40 feet from the main building. The back of the Reactives Storage Building is approximately 5 feet from the 6 foot high, chain-link, perimeter fence, which borders on 200 feet of unused marsh area owned by UVM. It is used to store water reactive, air reactive, poly-nitrated compounds, and other reactive materials.

All hazardous wastes are stored inside either the ESF main building or the Reactives Storage Building.

Description of the Interior Spaces

Offices

The offices have fluorescent lighting and positive ventilation with respect to the rest of the building.

Laboratory

The laboratory is well lighted. A 6-foot chemical fume hood is located on one wall. There is a sink with connection to the sanitary sewer and a drench hose style eyewash. Limited quality assurance testing may be conducted in the fume hood. Office work area is also provided in the laboratory.

Work Area

This area is well lighted with explosion proof lighting. This area has a sink with a connection to the sanitary sewer, a safety shower/eyewash, and a pouring station to consolidate waste chemicals into bulk containers. The pouring station includes three stations with snorkel ventilation and an ABC, dry-chemical fire system.

Loading Dock

This area is located at the end of the truck bay and has easy access to the work area. The area includes a dock leveler, capable of serving all types of vehicles servicing the ESF, and a door from the truck bay for driver access. A containment sump is located below the dock leveler to contain a spill if one should occur at this transfer point.

Chemical Distribution and Exchange Room

This room is used to store stock chemicals for academic teaching labs and other campus users, and to store pre-owned chemicals for redistribution to campus users. It is well lighted with explosion proof lighting and equipped with explosion proof electrical outlets. Managing the distribution of stock chemicals and pre-owned chemicals is one part of UVM's waste minimization and toxics use reduction efforts required by law. Only non-waste chemicals are stored in this room.

Truck Bay

The truck bay is a fully-enclosed, roofed garage area with a concrete paved surface large enough to receive a 60 ft. long semi-tractor trailer. A 12-foot wide automatic overhead door serves as the entrance into the truck bay from the outside of the building. The truck bay serves as a garage for the ESF hazardous waste transportation box truck and other vehicles, as needed.

Waste Storage Areas - Main Building

The ESF has nine waste storage areas in the main building, each room measures approximately 21.5 feet by 8.5 feet and is designed to store up to twenty (20), 55-gallon drums or the equivalent capacity in variable sized containers. Only compatible materials are stored together in each room.

There are two separate ventilation systems; one for the four storage rooms on the West and the other for the five storage rooms on the East. Each room is ventilated above and below the floor grate to prevent a buildup of any fumes.

An access door from inside the building opens from the direction of egress out of each area. An emergency exit opening directly outside the building is located in each chamber.

The floors are constructed of epoxy coated fiberglass grate to allow any spilled material to fall into a ventilated sump area. The floor grates are removable. The capacity of the sump in each room is equal to the volume of all the drums (20×55 gallons =1,100 gallons) plus 20 minutes of fire sprinkler flow. The threshold at the emergency exit door of each room is 8 inches higher than the door into the building so in the event of a catastrophic release, the materials would overflow

into the building instead of to the exterior. Each sump measures approximately 21.5 feet by 8.5 feet (same footprint as the storage room) by 2 feet in depth. The floor and walls of each sump are constructed of epoxy-coated concrete; the joints are filled with non-shrink grout. The floor of each sump is sloped to the center of the sump/room.

The storage areas are constructed of two hour rated concrete block with one and one-half hour rated doors to meet the building code requirements for Type H (Hazardous) Occupancy rating of this building.

Waste Storage Area – Corridor

This area is well lighted with explosion proof lighting and equipped with three emergency eyewash and shower stations. Two emergency communication phones are located in the corridor. Wastes may be temporarily staged in the corridor in preparation for outbound shipments.

Description of Reactives Storage Building

The ESF's reactive materials storage building has one waste storage area designed to store up to twelve (12), 55-gallon drums or the equivalent capacity in variable sized containers. Materials that may ignite, explode, generate toxic gases or otherwise react in a violent manner when in contact with air, water, or other initiating factor will be stored in this area. Each reactive material is contained within its laboratory container and packed within a secondary, DOT-rated shipping container. The Reactives Storage Building itself forms a third container. The building is commercially manufactured with the following safety features:

- Fire resistant wallboard and steel construction;
- Corrosion protected steel;
- UL listed, Group D, Division 1 electromechanical exhaust ventilation system;
- UL listed, Groups C and D, Division 1 lighting and electrical receptacle;
- Pressure release panel on rear wall (releases at 20 psi), safety chained to wall;
- 250-gallon capacity containment sump lined with 20 mils HDPE;
- UL listed and FM approved, Pre-engineered, dry chemical fire suppression system with exterior, audible alarm, fusible link detection for automatic activation and means for manual activation
- Door locked and keyed to ESF key set, explosion relief panel is equipped with security bars;
- Class 1, Groups C & D, Division 1 lighting, fan and electrical outlet; and
- Static grounding system.

The Reactives Storage Building is located 40 feet to the northeast of the main ESF building within the perimeter fence. As shown on maps in attachment B-1, the building is located greater than 15 meters (or greater than 50 feet) from UVM's property line.

Attachment B-1

Orthographic Site Maps



Attachment B-2

Environmental Safety Facility Construction Drawings





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Attachment B-3 Flood Plain Certification

State of Vermont

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GENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES 100 SOUTH MAIN STREET Waterbury, Vermont 05676

Department of Environmental Conservation

FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT 10 North Building (802) 244-6951

October 25, 1988

Mr. Ken Bean University of Vermont Architectural and Engineering Services 107 South Prospect Street Burlington, VT 05405-0016 PROJECT ENVIRON: SAFETY FACILITY FEAS / DES / CONST. CLIENT A IN EQUIP. B OUT CONSUL.

Dear Mr. Bean:

Subject: Flood Plain Site Investigation

The site of a proposed University hazardous waste storage building to be located in the field south of the Ram Test Barn at the Bioresearch Complex off Spear Street is not within the 100-year flood plain of the small tributary of Potash Brook.

If this does not meet with your needs, please give me a call at 244-6951.

Sincerely,

Loy Caffrey

Roy Gaffney Flood Plain Management

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