

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE HOUSE STATION 17 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

GENERAL ALUM NEW ENGLAND CORP.) COMMISSIONER'S CERTIFICATION KIDDER POINT ROAD) OF COMPLETION OF REMEDIAL) ACTIONS UNDER A VOLUNTARY) RESPONSE ACTION PLAN

JURISDICTION

This certification of completion of a Voluntary Response Action Plan ("VRAP") is made pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") or the Commissioner's delegee under 38 M.R.S.A. Section 343-E.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The covered property ("property" and/or "site") is located on the Kidder Point Road in Searsport, Maine. The 20.14 +/- acre site is owned by General Alum New England Corp., and is described more specifically on a location plan entitled "ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey Plan Showing the Lands of General Alum New England Corp.", dated December 13, 1996, revised February 28, 1997, Project No. SO613, prepared by James W. Sewall Company (the "Plan"). A map of the property location is included as Attachment A (Attachment A-Site Location Map).
- 2. The property use in the area is primarily industrial.
- 3. The area, including the property, is served by public water.
- 4. Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc. ("SME"), an environmental consultant working for General Alum New England Corp., completed investigations at the property, identifying solvent contamination in subsurface soils and groundwater at the site. The contamination was attributed to activities that occurred on the site in the 1950's and 1960's. The discovery and evaluation of contamination at the site is detailed in the following reports prepared by SME: "Preliminary Field Investigation in the Vicinity of the Polymers Building and Ammonia Plant at Delta Chemicals, Inc., Searsport, Maine", dated October 1992; "Preliminary Field Investigation in the Vicinity of the Polymers Building and Ammonia Plant at Delta Chemicals, Inc., Searsport, Maine, Supplement I", dated January 1993; "Phase 2 Field Investigation in the Vicinity of the Polymers Building and Ammonia Plant at Delta Chemicals, Inc., Searsport, Maine", dated December 1993; "Phase 3 Field Investigation in the Vicinity of the Polymers Building and Ammonia Plant at General Alum & Chemical Corp., Searsport, Maine", dated July 1994; and "Voluntary Response Action Program Summary Report, General Alum and Chemical Corporation, Searsport, Maine (Volumes I & II)", dated July 1995.

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- 5. Given the hydrogeology of the site, the level of contaminants present, and the low risk posed to any receptors, no remedial actions were necessary at the property. In a letter dated January 12, 1996, the Department required that a deed restriction be recorded that prohibits the use of groundwater at the site and requires that any excavation in the site area must be done according to the appropriate safety protocols outlined in the deed restriction document.
- 6. A "Declaration of Restrictions" was recorded on December 30, 1998, in Book 1857, Page 199 of the Waldo County Registry of Deeds, in accordance with the requirements established in the January 12, 1996 letter from the Department to General Alum New England Corp. A copy of the "Declaration" is included as "Attachment B".

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. General Alum New England Corp., as current owners of the property, have submitted a Voluntary Response Action Plan to the Commissioner pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. §343-E for the property located on Kidder Point Road and further identified in the Plan.
- 2. Site assessments conducted at the site included investigation reports that adequately identify the nature and extent of contamination at the site for those areas evaluated in the above-mentioned reports, dated October 1992 through July 1995.
- 3. Remedial actions addressing the potential sources of contamination on the property that were identified and evaluated in the above-mentioned reports (dated October 1992 through July 1995) have been completed and it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the necessary remedial actions are complete.
- 4. Provided that the current owners of the property, General Alum New England Corp., and their successors and/or assigns comply with the conditions of this certification, the response actions that have been completed and the activities associated with the continued use of the site will not cause, contribute, or exacerbate discharges, releases, or threatened releases, if they exist at the site, that are not required to be removed or remediated under the VRAP.

THEREFORE, pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. §343-E(5), David Lennett, Director, Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection certifies, subject to the conditions set forth below, that remedial actions have been completed by General Alum New England Corp. for the site located on the Kidder Point Road, and identified on the "Plan". Upon issuance of this CERTIFICATE, General Alum New England Corp. and the persons qualified for protection under 38 M.R.S.A. §343-E(6) are entitled to the protection from liability to the extent provided by 38 M.R.S.A. §343-E(1). This protection from liability is limited to the matters addressed by and identified by the environmental reports and is subject to the qualifications and conditions set forth below and in 38 M.R.S.A. § 343-E.

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CONDITIONS

- 1. Any current and future owners of the property must adhere to the "Declaration of Restrictions" recorded in Book 1857, Page 199 of the Waldo County Registry of Deeds.
- 2. A copy of this certificate for the site located on the Kidder Point Road in Searsport and further identified on the Plan, shall be recorded at the Waldo County Registry of Deeds. A copy of the recorded document must be supplied to the Department.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS	3 12	DAY
OF February, 2003.		
By: David Lennett David Lennett David Lennett, Director, Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management		

STATE OF MAINE KENNEBEC, ss.,

February <u>3</u>, 2003

Then personally appeared the above-named David Lennett, Director, Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and duly authorized delegee for the Commissioner, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, and the free act and deed of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Before me,

Notary Public

(Print Name)

This Order was prepared by Nicholas J. Hodgkins, Bureau of Remediation & Waste Management.

