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August 4, 2021

Mr. Ronald Tucker
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SUBJECT: **Termination** of NPDES Discharge Permit 3-1537, **NPDES #VT0001422**
Ridge Road Quarry, Randolph, VT

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tucker:

The Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Watershed Management Division received your email dated October 21, 2019 with a request to terminate RE Tucker's NPDES discharge permit, 3-1537 (VT0001422). The Department intended to perform a field visit in the spring of 2020 when water levels were expected to be at a seasonal high but the COVID19 pandemic made this impossible.

On October 20th David DiDomenico performed a site visit to evaluate your facility's eligibility for termination of your NPDES direct discharge permit. Mr. DiDomenico took photographs and discussed how much water the treatment pond could hold with Mr. Tucker via phone.

After considering that your facility has not reported a discharge in since April of 2015, previous site visits by EEO Dan Mason where he confirmed a lack of discharge, Mr. DiDomenico's site visit and the general topography and geology of your site it has been determined that you are eligible to have your permit terminated.

On June 29th, 2021 EEO Dan Mason visited your facility and took pictures documenting that the effluent pipe for your settling pond had been sealed.

A final invoice was sent to you and paid in full as of August 3, 2021. We have received your monitoring reports through July 2021 as requested.

Based upon the information provided, effective **July 31, 2021**, R.E. Tucker no longer has authorization to discharge treated comingled quarry dewatering water, process wastewater, and stormwater to an unnamed tributary of Ayers Brook.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Merrifield at 802-490-6188.

Respectfully,



Amy Polaczyk, Wastewater Program Manager
Watershed Management Division

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Permit Termination

Facility: Ridge Road Quarry
Location: 2771 S. Ridge Road, Randolph Center, VT

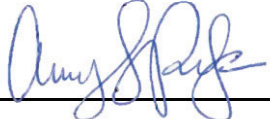
Permit No.: 3-1537
PIN: BR10-0062
NPDES No.: VT0001422

Findings of Fact

1. Sherrie Tucker requested that the permit be terminated because the facility no longer discharged combined process waters to the waters of the State. A letter explaining her request, the inspection process and the requirement to seal the discharge pipe was sent previously on 11/12/2020.
2. The existing discharge pipe has been plugged and photographs documenting this have been provided by Environmental Enforcement Officer Dan Mason. This satisfied the condition to seal the discharge pipe as of 6/29/2021.
3. The facility's permit is scheduled to expire 09/30/2022.
4. The facility has not reported a discharge since April 2015. No discharges have occurred during the current permit term.
5. Site visits by Dan Mason and David DiDomenico indicate that the quarry does not retain surface water in quantities that would fill the settling pond and rise to the outfall. The facility is graded to prevent surface water from flowing into the quarry from adjacent land. Precipitation that falls onto the facility drains into the underlying soils and fractured rock. The quarry will continue to deepen as it is worked which will additionally reduce the possibility of a surface discharge.
6. The permittee is up to date on payments as of August 3, 2021.
7. There are no compliance issues. outstanding eDMRs for June and July 2021 have been submitted as of August 4, 2021.

Based on these facts the facility's current permit will be inactivated effective 7/31/2021.

Peter Walke, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation

By: 

Date: 8/4/2021

Amy Polaczyk, Wastewater Program Manager
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