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Ms. Shirley Adams  
81 Leland Street  
Framingham, MA 01702

May 16, 2012

RE: Framingham – 81 Leland Street Inspection

Dear Ms. Adams:

On April 4, 2012, MassDEP representative Rodene Lamkin inspected the basement of your residence at 81 Leland Street in Framingham. You requested the inspection due to your concern for vapor intrusion impacts from the groundwater contamination at the General Chemical Corporation located at 133-135 Leland Street.

The basement sump was dry on the day of the inspection. Two indoor air samples were collected in air sampling bags and analyzed for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) at the MassDEP NERO Laboratory. The results of the indoor air testing are enclosed.

The indoor air samples contained low levels of methylene chloride and gasoline compounds benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene. Note that chloroethane is a contaminant associated with the sampling bag. The gasoline compounds are not associated with the groundwater contamination at General Chemical and the methylene chloride is not present in groundwater at a concentration that could result in indoor air impacts.

Since none of the compounds present in the groundwater contaminant plume from General Chemical were detected in the indoor air of the residence, it is reasonable to conclude that the compounds measured in indoor air are not related to the groundwater contamination. There is possibly an indoor and/or outdoor source for the gasoline compounds and methylene chloride.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rodene Lamkin at 978-694-3354 or via email at [rodene.lamkin@state.ma.us](mailto:rodene.lamkin@state.ma.us)

Sincerely,

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