

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II

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SUBJECT: Draft RI Report, Tutu Wells Site, St. Thomas

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The Tutu Wells site, located in a mountainous semi-rural area, has a plume of contaminated groundwater covering an area approximately 108 acres in size. This contamination was first detected when a strong petroleum odor coming from the Tillet Well, a public water supply for the area, was reported. An investigation conducted by the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (VIDPNR) indicated that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were contaminating several public, institutional, commercial, and private wells. Water from some of these wells was transported to other parts of the island. Many contaminated wells, including the Tillet Well, were subsequently shut down. In 1987, an Administrative Order was issued to two potentially responsible parties (PRPs), Tutu Texaco Service Station and Tutu Esso Car Care Center. This order required them to investigate the impact that the release of petroleum from their underground storage tanks (USTs) and VOCs have on the surrounding environment. The Tutu Wells site is located at the eastern end of the Island at the Anna's Retreat Section of St. Thomas. Most of the wells are used for public drinking water supply.

Attached for your review is a copy of the Draft Remedial Investigation Report (RI) dated October 1994 for the Tutu Wells Site. Please provide your comments by Monday, November 7, 1994 to Caroline Kwan of my staff. To facilitate comments integration, please submit all comments via both LAN and interoffice mail. Additionally, should the draft RI Report not be required for your files, please return these documents upon completion of your review.

Please have your staff direct any questions to Caroline Kwan at extension 0151.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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