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**RE:** Site Response Action Status Report –March 1 through March 31, 2013  
Former Tidewater Facility  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island  
RIDEM Case No. 95-022

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The following summarizes response actions completed at the above-referenced site for the period March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013.

## SITE ACTIVITIES PERFORMED

- Performed Site visits to document security conditions and sheen observations, if present.
- Continued limited earthwork associated with the electrical substation upgrades (excavation completed only on March 5 and 6, 2013). During earthwork activities, GZA performed soil management oversight and air monitoring on behalf of National Grid. Air monitoring performed during earthwork activities was conducted as described in GZA's February 20, 2012 *Evaluation of Applicability of Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 9* submittal to the RIDEM Office of Air Resources, GZA's subsequent correspondence with RIDEM dated June 14, 2012 and July 27, 2012, and the GZA air monitoring summary memorandum submitted to RIDEM on September 28, 2012. Air monitoring data for weeks when work occurred was posted on a weekly basis to the bulletin boards at the end of Tidewater Street and Bowles Court, as well as to the National Grid website ([www.tidewatersite.com](http://www.tidewatersite.com)).
- Prepared and distributed a public notice for the March 27, 2013 community outreach session. This public notice was distributed on March 4, 2013 in the form of a mailing, email and door-to-door flyers. It also included an updated fact sheet for the Site and was provided in English, Spanish and Portuguese. National Grid also provided this notification to the principals of the neighboring schools for distribution to the students.
- Submitted a response to public comments associated with the draft PIP, as requested in RIDEM's February 21, 2013 letter. This response letter was submitted to RIDEM on March 22, 2013.



- Hosted a community outreach session to present information to the public related to the Tidewater Site. The session was held at the Francis J. Varieur Elementary School on March 27, 2013 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The intent of this session was to present information regarding the Site in an informal poster-board type setting, with knowledgeable Site representatives from National Grid, GZA and RIDEM being present to answer questions on a one-on-one basis. The poster boards from the community outreach session are posted on the National Grid website ([www.tidewatersite.com](http://www.tidewatersite.com)).

#### FUTURE RESPONSE ACTION WORK/SCHEDULE

- Continue quarterly NAPL monitoring and recovery. The next event is scheduled for April 2013.
- Continue Site visits to document Site security conditions and sheen observations.
- Continue minor earthwork associated with the electrical substation project. The majority of the earthwork associated with the substation upgrades is complete. Minor excavation (associated with electrical conduit) is planned for May 2013. GZA will continue to oversee soil management and conduct air monitoring during these earth disturbing activities. The remainder of the work associated with the electrical substation upgrade project will consist of aboveground work within the substation and buildings. It is currently anticipated that the aboveground work associated with the substation upgrades will continue until the end of July 2013.
- Submit a revised PIP to RIDEM upon their review of the March 22, 2013 response to public comments letter.

Please call me if you have any questions at 401-421-4140 Ext. 2719 or Michele Leone at 781-907-3651.

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