

VIA EMAIL & USPS

May 11, 2012

Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island  
c/o Holly Dygert  
1192 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02902

RE: Tidewater Site  
Merry and Tidewater Streets  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Dear Dr. Dygert:

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) is in receipt of your letter dated April 20, 2012 regarding the Former Tidewater facility located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. We are in the process of preparing a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.07 of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (Remediation Regulations). Based on recent discussions with RIDEM, we anticipate providing a draft of the PIP to RIDEM, the City of Pawtucket, the Tidewater Stakeholder's Group and other interested members of the public in late May for review and discussing the draft PIP with interested individuals/parties prior to submitting a final draft to RIDEM.

As you are aware, the National Grid property located at the intersections of Taft, Merry and Tidewater Streets in Pawtucket is a RIDEM-listed site due to impacts resulting from the historic use of the site as a manufactured gas plant and power plant. Today, the property is used by National Grid to support its electric and gas operations in Rhode Island. The southern portion of the property is used for electric operations and contains two transmission towers, an outdoor electric substation and an indoor electric switching station. A small area of the northern portion of the property is used for gas operations and contains several buildings related to National Grid's natural gas regulator station. Normal activities at the property include regular monitoring and maintenance of the existing electric and gas equipment. In addition, several projects will begin in the coming months on both portions of the property. On the electric portion, these projects will include work on both indoor and outdoor equipment to enhance the system and will result in increased traffic going into and out of the property via Merry Street. On the gas portion, the new regulator building is anticipated to be installed in the next few months.

To keep RIDEM and interested parties updated on environmental activities at the site, National Grid (or our consultant, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc) provides bi-weekly updates to RIDEM describing upcoming environmental activities at the property, as well as any planned operations maintenance activities requiring soil excavation. These updates are posted on RIDEM's website

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(<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/tide.htm>). In addition, National Grid also submits monthly update reports to RIDEM presenting a summary of activities performed in the previous month and those activities anticipated in the coming months.

We look forward to discussing the public involvement process for the property with you and other interested parties as we develop the Public Involvement Plan for the property. At that time, we also can discuss your April 20<sup>th</sup> letter and the requests in it in further detail. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Truly yours,  
NATIONAL GRID



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