

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

TLA/Pond View Closure Updates



Commencing Friday, March 1, 2013, RIDEM will be updating the new TLA-Pond View Closure webpage, found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>, on a weekly basis with information relevant to the site and the status of the closure. These updates are intended to enhance communications with interested parties about what is happening with the closure in a timely manner. Updates are provided in reverse chronological order.

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its final week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM Monday - Friday. The deadline for completion of the closure work has been extended to Thursday August 29th, 2013 (see 8/22 update below for further details).
- As of Monday, August 26th, a total of one hundred and four (104) rail cars (containing approximately 10,400 tons of material) have departed the facility. An additional four (4) truckloads of wood (containing approximately 102 tons) departed the facility. Also, an additional six (6) truckloads of C&D fines, which has a dirt like consistency, containing approximately 209 tons, departed the facility.
- On Monday, August 26th, 2013, an environmental testing firm was on site to collect groundwater samples and contractors were expected on site to vacuum/flush the leachate collection system.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Thursday, August 22, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 13th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- Due to an unanticipated power outage stemming from a lightning strike which took place during the 1st week of closure activities and the derailment of a train departing the facility during later weeks of the closure (with accompanying damage to the tracks), the deadline for completion of the closure work has been extended to Thursday August 29th, 2013. With nearly all the debris already removed from the site, the majority of this additional time will be used to power wash impervious surfaces/equipment and perform environmental sampling. The facility will perform the following environmental sampling as part of the closure; sampling of surface water and groundwater in accordance with the approved

monitoring plan, sampling of any potential contaminated soil and lastly, vacuum, flushing and sampling of the leachate collection system.

- Air Quality Monitoring Update:
 - *Since early June, continuous air monitoring of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) has been performed by RIDEM at the Myron Francis School off site monitoring location. In addition, RIDEM and Fuss & O'Neill have been utilizing hand held air monitors while on site during the cleanup to monitor levels of H₂S. These hand held devices were used, for example, while on site to monitor H₂S levels in the vicinity of the C&D fines piles (which has a dirt like consistency) and near the machinery used to process/shake the material. H₂S is a colorless gas with the characteristic foul odor of rotten eggs and often results from the breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen. In summary, H₂S levels in the nuisance range were observed on the site on a handful of days during the cleanup in the immediate vicinity of the C&D fines piles and the machinery used to process/shake the material. These levels were very localized. H₂S concentrations at surrounding locations on the site were significantly lower. There is no indication from the data that the cleanup operation has caused any H₂S nuisance conditions off site. RIDEM, along with the Department of Health (RIDOH), continues to perform a coordinated review of the results of the air monitoring activities both on and off site.*
- As of Monday, August 19th, a total of ninety seven (97) rail cars (containing approximately 9,700 tons of material) have departed the facility. An additional twenty two (22) truckloads of wood (containing approximately 473 tons) departed the facility. Also, an additional fifteen (15) truckloads of C&D fines, which has a dirt like consistency, containing approximately 573 tons, departed the facility.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O'Neill have been visiting the site daily, and RIDEM continues to provide a list of all inspection dates by RIDEM staff on the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 12th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- As of Friday, August 9th, a total of seventy nine (79) rail cars (containing approximately 7,900 tons of material) have departed the facility. An additional ten (10) truckloads of wood (containing approximately 184 tons) departed the facility, bringing the total number of trucks carrying wood to nineteen (19) (containing approximately 286 tons). Also, six (6) truckloads of C&D fines, which has a dirt like consistency, containing approximately 188 tons departed the facility. The trucks carrying the wood and C&D fines were sent to a recycling facility in Massachusetts.

- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O'Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O'Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 11th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- As of Monday, August 5th, seventy four (74) rail cars (containing approximately 7,400 tons of material) and 9 truckloads of wood (containing approximately 84 tons) have departed the facility.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O'Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O'Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 10th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- As of Tuesday, July 30th, sixty seven (67) rail cars (containing approximately 6,700 tons of material) and 9 truckloads of wood (containing approximately 84 tons) have departed the facility.
- As of Tuesday, July 30th, approximately two-thirds of the materials on site have been removed.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O'Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O'Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 9th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- As of Tuesday, July 23rd, fifty two (52) rail cars (containing approximately 5,200 tons of material) and 9 truckloads of wood (containing approximately 84 tons) have departed the facility.

- RIDEM has received questions about: 1) the status of the investigation into early morning noise at the facility on the weekend of July 6 & 7; 2) when the closure of the facility will be considered “complete”; 3) the ability of the City of East Providence to inspect the property before payment is made to the owner; and 4) the design of the payment agreement for removal of the material. Please visit the “Commonly Asked Questions” portion of the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm> for our responses.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O’Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O’Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 8th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- As of Monday, July 15th, forty-three (43) rail cars (containing approximately 4,300 tons of material) and 9 truckloads of wood (containing approximately 84 tons) have departed the facility.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O’Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O’Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 7th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- RIDEM received complaints over the past weekend concerning early morning noise at the facility. RIDEM sent an investigator who conferred with the local police department. The matter is under investigation.
- As of Monday, July 8th, thirty-seven (37) rail cars (containing approximately 3,700 tons of material) and 9 truckloads of wood (containing approximately 84 tons) have departed the facility.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O’Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O’Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all

to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 6th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- RIDEM and the RI Department of Health have reviewed the hydrogen sulfide measurements collected at the TLA/Pond View Facility during the month of June. The results indicate that all on-site hydrogen sulfide levels are within the background range.
- As of Monday, July 1st, thirty-three (33) rail cars (containing approximately 3,300 tons of material) and 9 truckloads of wood (containing approximately 84 tons) have departed the facility.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O’Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O’Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 5th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- As of Monday June 24th, twenty-one (21) full rail cars (containing approximately 2,100 tons of material) have already departed the facility. In addition, seven (7) truck loads of wood (containing approximately 64 tons) have departed for a recycling facility in Stoughton, MA.
- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O’Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O’Neill continues to visit the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM has received questions about the future of the TLA/Pond View facility once the closure is complete. Please visit the “Commonly Asked Questions” portion of the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm> for our response.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 4th week. Hours continue to be restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- As of Friday June 14th, thirteen (13) full rail cars (containing approximately 1300 tons of material) have already departed the facility.

- RIDEM inspectors and staff from Fuss & O'Neill have been visiting the site daily. In order to ensure the proper level of oversight on the weekends, Fuss & O'Neill has begun visiting the site on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is continuing into its 3rd week. Hours are restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- Five rail cars (containing approximately 100 tons of material each) have already departed the facility. An additional 2 rail cars (containing approximately 100 tons of material each) are scheduled to depart on June 11th.
- RIDEM inspectors have been visiting the site on a daily basis for the past week. Fuss & O'Neill has also been on site daily to monitor cleanup activities. Additional RIDEM staff will be on site each Thursday for a regular meeting with the property owner.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site has commenced. Hours are restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- RIDEM has received numerous questions about the TLA/Pond View facility in the past week. Please visit the "Commonly Asked Questions" portion of the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm> for our responses (last updated 6/4/13).
- RIDEM performed inspections of the site on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 & Thursday, May 30, 2013. Fuss & O'Neill has also been on site on a regular basis to oversee cleanup activities. Additional RIDEM staff will be on site each Thursday for a regular meeting with the property owner.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the "Commonly Asked Questions" document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>

Friday, May 24, 2013

- The cleanup activity at the site is scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Hours are restricted to 7:00AM - 6:00PM M-F, and from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- RIDEM has received numerous questions about the TLA/Pond View facility in the past week, including questions about the timing of the beginning/end of the closure activities. Please visit the "Commonly Asked Questions" portion of the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm> for our responses.

- RIDEM performed an inspection of the site on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.
- With the commencement of the cleanup, RIDEM will be changing the day of the week it posts updates to the TLA/Pond View webpage. RIDEM will begin posting updates at the beginning of the week (Monday or Tuesday).
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document.

Friday, May 17, 2013

- RIDEM has received numerous questions about the TLA/Pond View facility in the past week. Please visit the “Commonly Asked Questions” portion of the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm> for our responses.
- RIDEM performed an inspection of the site on Friday, May 17, 2013. The party performing the closure was on hand for the inspection.
- Pursuant to discussions with the party performing the closure, the hours they are allowed to operate on the site to undertake the closure have been slightly amended. Hours are now restricted to 7:00AM to 6:00PM Monday through Friday, and from 8:00AM to 1:00PM on Saturdays.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document.

Friday May 10, 2013

- On Thursday, May 9th, RIDEM executed agreements with Bond Safeguard Insurance Company and the property owner of One Dexter Road in East Providence that will move forward closure and cleanup of the site of the former Trans-Load America (TLA)/ Pond View recycling facility. Now that they are in place, these agreements commence a timeline of events that will result in the removal of construction and demolition debris at the site over the course of the next several months. The closure shall begin within 14 days of the agreement and the delivery of bond funds to RIDEM, and must be completed within 60 business days. RIDEM will monitor performance to ensure that the property owner is performing the work satisfactorily and in accordance with all applicable requirements. In addition to RIDEM inspectors, the Department will engage an independent oversight contractor who will be on site every day during the closure. Weekly construction meetings will be held at the site throughout the duration of the cleanup. **Additional details can be found in the full press release at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/news/2013/pr/0510131.htm>**

Thursday, May 02, 2013

- RIDEM has received numerous questions about the TLA/Pond View facility in the past week, many of which addressed the status of environmental testing at the facility since last fall when the facility closed. RIDEM is preparing a response to the following questions and will post a response in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document on the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage once reports have been reviewed and all the information has been gathered: *1) In accordance with the closure plan for the site, has water quality testing*

continued? 2) Has the leachate collection system been inspected since the closure? 3) Have potential issues with storm waste run-off been investigated?

- RIDEM received a formal complaint from a resident and copy of a video showing a truck carrying a roll-off (allegedly containing roofing shingles) being driven onto the TLA property at 1 Dexter Road. The resident would like to know how roll-offs can be taken in at the facility and not be a violation of the court order? RIDEM reviewed the video and the accompanying complaint and provides the following response:
 - RIDEM staff reviewed the video which is being filmed by someone following a Foley Truck carrying a roll-off container. The video ends as the truck is driving down Dexter Road and is about to enter the TLA/Pond View property. The truck is not shown emptying its contents at the facility and no evidence of disposal is observed in the video. It is important to note that existing state law permits haulers to store waste inside a container (such as a roll-off container) at their place of business for up to 72 hours. RIDEM has concluded that the video provides no evidence of a violation at the TLA/Pond View property. Subsequent inspections also revealed no evidence of violations related to this video.
- On Monday, April 29th, RIDEM staff performed an inspection of the TLA/Pond View site.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document.

Friday, April 26, 2013

- RIDEM has received numerous questions about the TLA/Pond View facility in the past week. Please visit the “Commonly Asked Questions” portion of the TLA/Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm> for our responses.
- RIDEM anticipates providing an additional update early next week, so please check back again early next week.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers for all to see in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document.

Thursday, April 18, 2013

- As of Thursday, April 18, 2013, RIDEM and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company (the bonding company) continue to negotiate the specifics of an agreement to allow the closure work to proceed under the approved closure plan.
- On Monday, April 15th and Wednesday, April 17th RIDEM staff performed inspections of the TLA/Pond View site.
- RIDEM received a complaint (with pictures) of dead fish in Omega Pond, which abuts the TLA/Pond View facility. The complaint linked the issue of storm water run-off and the impacts to the fish in Omega Pond.

In response to this complaint, RIDEM performed an inspection on the afternoon of April 17th. RIDEM offers the following response:

From the pictures provided to RIDEM, it looks like these fish are sunfish, a type of fish typically found in estuarine waters like Omega Pond. At this time of year, these types of fish often crowd into the shore and experience oxygen depletion which can kill some fish. Omega Pond has experienced similar events in the past at this same time of year when the water begins to warm up.

RIDEM performed an inspection of the TLA/Pond View facility on Wednesday, April 17th. No evidence of storm water run-off from the site was observed. The City of East Providence maintains a storm water outfall to Omega Pond next to the TLA/Pond View site and this outfall was also checked. No dead fish were observed near the outfall or in Omega Pond near the TLA/Pond View facility. RIDEM will continue to check the shore in future inspections.

Friday, April 12, 2013

- As of Friday, April 12th, RIDEM and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company (the bonding company) continue to negotiate the specifics of an agreement to allow the closure work to proceed under the approved closure plan.
- On Monday, April 8th and Wednesday, April 10th RIDEM staff performed inspections of the TLA/Pond View site.
- RIDEM encourages anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found on the RIDEM TLA/Pond View Closure webpage (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>).

Friday, April 5, 2013

- As of Friday, April 5th, RIDEM and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company (the bonding company) continue to negotiate the specifics of an agreement to allow the closure work to proceed under the approved closure plan.
- On Wednesday, April 3rd, RIDEM staff performed an inspection of the site.
- RIDEM encourages anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov. RIDEM will provide answers in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found on the RIDEM TLA/Pond View Closure webpage (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>). This document was last updated on March 29th.

Friday, March 29, 2013

- As of Friday, March 29th, RIDEM and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company (the bonding company) continue to negotiate the specifics of an agreement to allow the closure work to proceed under the approved closure plan.
- On Monday, March 25th, RIDEM staff performed an inspection of the site.
- RIDEM received one inquiry into the TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov email inbox this week. RIDEM has addressed this inquiry in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>.

- RIDEM encourages anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov . RIDEM will provide answers in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found on the RIDEM TLA/Pond View Closure webpage (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>).

Friday, March 22, 2013

- As of Friday, March 22nd, RIDEM and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company (the bonding company) continue to negotiate the specifics of an agreement to allow the closure work to proceed under the approved closure plan.
- RIDEM encourages anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov . RIDEM will provide answers in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found on the RIDEM TLA/Pond View Closure webpage (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>).

Friday, March 15, 2013

- As of Friday, March 15th, RIDEM and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company (the bonding company) continue to negotiate the specifics of an agreement to allow the closure work to proceed under the approved closure plan. RIDEM intends to issue a press release once an agreement is finalized and signed.
- On Monday, March 11th & Friday, March 15th, RIDEM staff performed an inspection of the site.
- RIDEM continues to encourage anyone who has questions about the TLA/Pond View closure to email inquiries to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov . RIDEM will provide answers in the “Commonly Asked Questions” document found on the RIDEM TLA/Pond View Closure webpage (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>).

Friday, March 8, 2013

- As of Friday, March 8th, RIDEM and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company (the bonding company) continue to negotiate the specifics of an agreement to allow the closure work to proceed under the approved closure plan.
- On Wednesday, March 6th, RIDEM staff performed an inspection of the site.
- On Friday, March 8th, RIDEM uploaded a “Commonly Asked Questions” document on the TLA Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>. This “Commonly Asked Questions” document is intended to enhance communications with interested parties about what is happening with the closure in a timely manner. Inquiries can be made by emailing them to TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov . Interested parties are encouraged to periodically check the RIDEM TLA/Pond View Closure webpage for answers and updated information.

Friday, March 1, 2013

- On Friday, February 22nd, an on-site pre-construction meeting was held with representatives from RIDEM, the bonding company (Bond Safeguard Insurance Company), the property owner, a representative for the receiver, and the contractor selected to

perform the closure (to be announced pending approval of an agreement). Some details were discussed, including timing & oversight for the closure work to be performed.

- On Wednesday, February 27th, RIDEM had a conference with the Court where similar issues were discussed, with a similar outcome. The consensus was that all parties involved (RIDEM, the bond company, the property owner, and the receiver) have the same goal in mind and the same interest in seeing the closure work performed properly and as efficiently as possible.
- No exact date has been set for the commencement of the closure; however, RIDEM is making every effort to ensure the closure begins as soon as possible.
- RIDEM has launched a new email address – TLAPondViewClosure@dem.ri.gov – so interested parties can ask specific questions of RIDEM about the closure. Answers will be provided for all to see in a separate ‘*Commonly Asked Questions*’ document also found on the TLA Pond View Closure webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/TLA/index.htm>.
- On Thursday, February 28th, RIDEM performed an inspection in response to an odor complaint. No violations were detected.