



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN APPROVAL LETTER

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Formerly Case No. 98-004

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RE: Providence Gas Co. – AA
A.k.a. Former New England Gas Company MGP property
642 Allens Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island
Plat Map 56 / Lot 5, Plat Map 101 / Lot 1

Dear Ms. Willoughby:

On November 9, 2011, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (the Department) Office of Waste Management (OWM) amended the Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (the Remediation Regulations). The purpose of these regulations is to create an integrated program requiring reporting, investigation and remediation of contaminated sites in order to eliminate and/or control threats to human health and the environment in a timely and cost-effective manner.

In the matter of the above-referenced property (the Site), the Department's OWM is in receipt of the following documentation submitted pursuant to the Remediation Regulations in response to the September 2, 2016, request from the community for the development of a Public Involvement Plan (PIP), and the OWM's September 6, 2016, Public Involvement Plan Process Initiation Letter:

1. Proposed Schedule for the PIP Development Process, Providence Gas Co. – AA, A.k.a. Former New England Gas Company MGP Property, 642 Allens Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, received by the Department on September 15, 2016, and prepared by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA);
2. Updated Schedule - Draft PIP Development Process, Providence Gas Co. – AA, A.k.a. Former New England Gas Company MGP Property, 642 Allens Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, received by the Department on September 30, 2016, and prepared by GZA;
3. Public Involvement Plan (PIP), Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP), 642 Allens Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, received by the Department on October 28, 2016, and prepared by GZA;

4. Public Involvement Plan (PIP), 642 Allens Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, received by the Department on May 4, 2017, and prepared by GZA;
5. Response to Comments, Public Involvement Plan (PIP), 642 Allens Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, received by the Department on June 9, 2017, and prepared by GZA; and
6. Public Involvement Plan (PIP), 642 Allens Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, received by the Department on June 9, 2017, and prepared by GZA.

The OWM has reviewed the June 9, 2017, response to comments and concurs with the proposed changes to the PIP as listed in that document. At this time, the OWM offers its concurrence with the on June 9, 2017, version of the Public Involvement Plan for the property. This letter continues to place primary responsibility for the investigation, construction, operation, maintenance, monitoring and all other jurisdictional remedial activities, subject to the Remediation Regulations, on National Grid. As the Responsible Party and Performing Party, National Grid is expected to implement those activities in an expeditious and professional manner that prevents non-compliance with the Remediation Regulations, and is protective of human health and the environment.

This Public Involvement Plan Approval Letter does not remove your obligation to obtain any other necessary permits from other local, State, or Federal agencies.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or would like the opportunity to meet with Department personnel, please contact me by telephone at (401) 222-2797, extension 7109 or by e-mail at joseph.martella@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,



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