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Michele Leone, Manager New England Site Investigation and Remediation National Grid 40 Sylvan Road Waltham, MA 02451

Dear Ms. Leone:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources (OAR) has reviewed National Grid's request for an evaluation of the applicability of Rhode Island Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 9 for the proposed removal and offsite disposal of a section of above grade process piping and a limited amount of impacted soil proximate to the pipe, submitted by GZA on 23 June 2011, as well as supplemental material submitted via email on 3 August 2011 and 4 August 2011. Based on the information provided in these submittals, OAR agrees that emissions from this project will be substantially lower than the Minimum Quantities listed in Appendix A of Regulation No. 9 and, therefore, an air permit is not required. OAR also agrees that air monitoring consistent with the Air Quality Monitoring Plan submitted by GZA on behalf of National Grid in April 2011 is appropriate for this project.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (401) 222-4700, ext. 7012.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Morin, Supervising Environmental Scientist

Office of Air Resources