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**RE:** Site Response Action Status Report –February 1 through 28, 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 February 1, 2013 through February 28, 2013.

## SITE ACTIVITIES PERFORMED

- Performed Site visits to document security conditions and sheen observations, if present.
- Continued earthwork associated with the electrical substation upgrades. During earthwork activities, GZA performed soil management oversight and air monitoring on behalf of National Grid. Air monitoring performed during earthwork activities is being 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 has been 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)).
- Submitted to RIDEM a summary of the January 29, 2013 public meeting which was held to discuss comments to the draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP). This meeting summary was submitted to RIDEM on March 15, 2013. A copy of the meeting summary, as well as copies of the January 29, 2013 meeting presentation and handout, is posted on the National Grid Tidewater 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.



- Complete evaluation of potential volatile emissions associated with planned STRAP activities related to the south washout area. We currently anticipate the results of this air modeling will be submitted to RIDEM in early 2013.
- Continue minor earthwork associated with the electrical substation project. The majority of the earthwork associated with the substation upgrades was completed in January 2013. Minor excavation (fence post installations around substation and electrical conduit) is planned for March 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.
- Organize and conduct a community outreach session to present information to the public related to the Tidewater Site. The intent of this session is to present information regarding the Site in an informal poster-board type setting. The posters will be staffed by knowledgeable Site representatives who can answer questions on a one-on-one basis. In addition, representatives from RIDEM will be available to answer questions. National Grid plans to conduct this community outreach session at the Varieur School on March 27, 2013 between 6:30 and 8:30 PM. A Public notice of this outreach session in the form of a mailing, email and door-to-door flyers was distributed on March 4, 2013. This public notice also included an updated fact sheet for the Site and was provided in English, Spanish and Portuguese. National Grid is working with the principals of the neighboring schools to assist in distributing this notification package to the students.
- Submit a response to public comments associated with the draft PIP, as requested in RIDEM's February 21, 2013 letter. National Grid anticipates submitting a formal response to these comments to RIDEM by March 21, 2013, as well as a revised PIP.

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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