



August 1, 2013

Ms. Michele V. Leone
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National Grid
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RE: Tidewater Manufactured Gas Plant (former)
Tidewater Street
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Leone:

On November 9, 2011, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (the Department) 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 an efficient manner.

In the matter of the above referenced "Site" (as defined in the Industrial Property Remediation and Reuse Act), and in accordance with Rule 7.07.E (Public Involvement Plans) of the 2011 Remediation Regulations, the Department's Office of Waste Management (OWM) has received the following document concerning National Grid's response to public comments on the draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP):

- Response to Public Comments, Draft Public Involvement Plan, Former Tidewater MGP and Power Plant Site, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, RIDEM Case No. 95-022, prepared by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA), and dated March 22, 2013.

The OWM has reviewed the above referenced Response to Public Comments, and concurs with the proposed changes to the PIP, as listed in that document's attachment titled "Summary of Proposed Changes to the Public Involvement Plan (PIP)." Please prepare a final version of the PIP based upon the proposed changes.

The Department acknowledges that sufficient time has passed since the submittal of the Response to Public Comments, such that some of the information provided in the responses may require updating based upon decisions and activities that have taken place since March 22, 2013. For example, National Grid's decision to perform a soil gas investigation at the site, in response to public concerns raised about potential vapor intrusion. Therefore, the Department requests that

the March 22, 2013, responses be reviewed, and where deemed necessary, that changes or corrections be made, and/or updated information be added as appropriate. This letter and the revised updated responses to public comments should be added to the Final PIP as individual exhibits. Once these items are addressed, please submit the revised Final PIP with all exhibits to the Department in both hard copy for the public file and electronic PDF format suitable for posting on the Department's Tidewater web page.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, 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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