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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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March 4, 2010

NO FURTHER ACTION
RIDEM CASE No. 95-022

Ms. Michele V. Leone
National Grid
40 Sylvan Road
Waltham, MA 02451-1120

RE: Tidewater Manufactured Gas Plant (former)
Tidewater Street
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Leone:

On February 24, 2004, 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 Site, the Department has on file the following documents concerning environmental investigations, Short-Term Response Actions and related remedial activities performed on behalf of National Grid in accordance with Section 6.00 (Emergency and Short-Term Response) of the Remediation Regulations:

1. Short-Term Response Action Plan, Former Tidewater Facility, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, dated December 4, 2009, prepared and submitted by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA), on the behalf of National Grid; and
2. Short-Term Response Action Summary Report, Former Tidewater Facility, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, dated February 1, 2010, prepared and submitted by GZA, on the behalf of National Grid.

Based upon the information provided in the documents referenced above, the OWM has determined that **no further response action is warranted at this time with regard to the work approved in the Short-Term Response Action Plan (STRAP) by the Department in the STRAP Approval Letter, issued December 11, 2009, in accordance with the Remediation Regulations. Please be advised that this letter is in response to issues related only the construction of the temporary cap installed to limit sheen outbreak along the Seekonk River in the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) area of the site. It is the Department's**

understanding that this temporary measure will remain in place only until a final site remedy is selected and implemented.

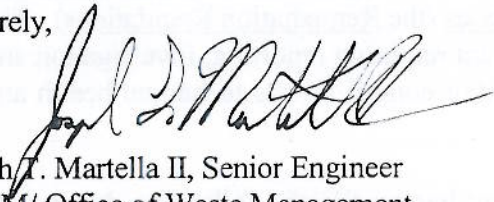
Please be advised that the Department reserves the right to require additional actions under the aforementioned Remediation Regulations at the subject property should any of the following occur:

- A. Conditions at the site, previously unknown to the Department are discovered;
- B. Information, previously unknown to the Department becomes available; and/or
- C. Policy and/or regulatory requirements change.

Please note that this is **not a Letter of Compliance** pursuant to the Remediation Regulations, but rather written concurrence of your temporary and limited response to an observed and reported release. Nothing in this letter relieves the responsible party, or the site, from compliance with all other applicable local, State or Federal regulations.

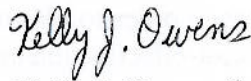
If you have any questions or are in need of any clarification regarding this letter, please contact me by telephone at (401) 222-2797, extension 7109 or by e-mail at joseph.martella@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,



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RIDEM/ Office of Waste Management

Authorized by,



Kelly J. Owens, Supervising Engineer
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Margaret S. Kilpatrick, GZA
Michael D. Cassidy, Pawtucket Director of Planning & Development