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Mr. Joseph Martella  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)  
Office of Waste Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Re: Public Meeting Summary – May 24, 2016  
Short Term Response Action Plan (STRAP):  
Stormwater Repair and South Washout Restoration  
Former Tidewater MGP and Power Plant Site  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island  
RIDEM Case No. 95-022 / RIDEM File No. SR-26-0934

Dear Mr. Martella:

On behalf of our client, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid), GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc. (GZA) is pleased to provide the attached summary of the May 24, 2016 public meeting associated with the Former Tidewater Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) and Power Plant Site located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island (the Site). The purpose of the public meeting was to present the proposed stormwater repair and south washout restoration project. A STRAP was submitted to RIDEM on January 25, 2016. RIDEM approved the STRAP on April 19, 2016. A meeting notification and fact sheet was sent to the Tidewater mailing list on May 5, 2016.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the information presented herein, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Michele Leone at 401-784-7337.

Very truly yours,  
GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

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Attachment: Summary of Meeting  
Sign-In Sheet

CC: Ms. Michele Leone, National Grid  
Mr. Jesse Edmands, National Grid

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Summary of Public Meeting  
Short-Term Response Action Plan (STRAP) For  
Stormwater Repair and South Washout Restoration Project  
Former Tidewater Facility  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

May 24, 2016 6:00 PM  
Francis J. Varieur Elementary School  
486 Pleasant Street  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

- **Meeting Introduction – Michele Leone (National Grid)**
  - **Stormwater System Repair and South Washout Area Restoration Presentation – James Clark, P.E. (GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.)**
  - **Question and Answer Period**
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This public meeting was held at the Francis J. Varieur Elementary School on May 24, 2016. The meeting began at 6:00 PM and ended at approximately 7:00 PM. The purpose of this public meeting was to present the proposed stormwater system repair and south washout area restoration project that is planned to be completed by National Grid at the Tidewater Site this summer. GZA, on behalf of National Grid, submitted a Short Term Response Action Plan (STRAP) to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Office of Waste Management (OWM) on January 25, 2016. The STRAP is available online at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/tide/160125st.pdf>. RIDEM approved the STRAP on April 19, 2016: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/tide/160419sa.pdf>. These documents are also available on National Grid's Tidewater website ([www.tidewatersite.com](http://www.tidewatersite.com)). The meeting notification and fact sheet was sent to the Tidewater mailing list on May 5, 2016 and are available on the Tidewater website at: [http://www.tidewatersite.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/43654-00-Final-Abutter-Notification-SWO\\_ESP.pdf](http://www.tidewatersite.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/43654-00-Final-Abutter-Notification-SWO_ESP.pdf).

### **Meeting Introduction**

Michele Leone (National Grid) opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with a brief introduction. Ms. Leone thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and described that the purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed stormwater repair and south washout restoration project. Ms. Leone mentioned that National Grid collaborated with the City during the planning for this work. Ms. Leone indicated that the project would be presented by James Clark (GZA).

### **Stormwater System Repair and South Washout Area Restoration Presentation – James Clark, P.E. (GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.)**

Mr. James Clark (GZA) presented a prepared slide show related to the proposed stormwater system repair and south washout area restoration. Mr. Clark provided pertinent background information followed by a description of the project. Mr. Clark described the Max Read Field upgrade project that will be conducted by the City of Pawtucket concurrently with the stormwater system repair and south washout restoration project. Mr. Clark also noted that this project is consistent with the proposed final remedy for the Site. Mr. Clark described the environmental controls and monitoring that will be conducted during

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implementation of the project. He concluded by presenting the proposed schedule and describing ways for interested members of the community to find more information about the Tidewater Site. The public comment period is open through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**Questions and Answer Period:** *(Responses provided in italics)*

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Representatives of National Grid, RIDEM, and GZA were present at the meeting to answer questions from the public. The following is a summary of the questions asked and the responses.

1. Audience member inquired what the south washout area would look like from the Seekonk River.

*Mr. Clark (GZA) and Ms. Leone (National Grid) indicated that the area would look very similar to the surrounding area of this portion of the Site. They also indicated that the washout area would be hydroseeded. Mr. Clark (GZA) noted that tree clearing associated with the project will be kept to a minimum. Mr. Clark (GZA) also noted that the armor flex mat will gradually vegetate after the project is complete. Ms. Leone (National Grid) added that plantings have not been included at this time because of the likely disturbance during final remedy for the Site, however, plantings will be assessed as part of the future remedy.*

2. Audience member inquired whether the project would decrease the amount of silt in the Seekonk River. He noted that the Seekonk River currently has a lot of silt present.

*Mr. Clark (GZA) indicated the project would reduce the amount of silt that comes through the existing stormwater system from the school and the Max Read Field.*

3. Audience member indicated that he gives tours of the Seekonk River by boat and inquired whether it would be helpful to present information about the project during the tours.

*Ms. Leone (National Grid) indicated that that was a great idea and the National Grid would appreciate his help. Ms. Leone (National Grid) indicated that the fact sheets may be a good hand out for the tour.*

4. Audience member inquired whether it would be helpful to plant eelgrass.

*Mr. Clark (GZA) indicated that plantings would be assessed as part of the final remedy.*

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*Mr. Martella (RIDEM, OWM) agreed with Mr. Clark and indicated the plantings would be assessed as part of the final remedy and included as part of other regulatory permitting.*

Ms. Leone thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting ended at 7:00 PM.



TIDEWATER Environmental Project  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

## PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 24, 2016 6:00 PM

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