

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

A Blueprint for Involving and Engaging with the Community



WHAT IS A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)?

A PIP is an agreement between the party conducting investigations and clean up activities and the public about how they will share information moving forward, and how the public will be able to comment on plans for assessment and clean up of the site. The party responsible for conducting response actions at a site is also responsible for conducting public involvement activities at the site and carrying out the activities listed in the PIP during the site cleanup process.

- Developed with input from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and the community
- Provides a blueprint for keeping the public informed and engaged throughout the project
- Can be updated as conditions change

COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting	Objective
Community Outreach Session	Present detail on the Tidewater Site
Initial Community Meeting	Present the results of the Site Investigation Report (SIR) to the public
Public Meeting on DRAFT Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)	Solicit public comments and questions on the DRAFT RAWP
Public Meeting prior to initiation of remedy	Solicit public questions or concerns regarding the remedy
Public Meetings on an as-needed basis during remedial activities	Keep the public informed and discuss any questions or concerns, and present a meeting schedule for discussion
Public Meeting upon completion of the remedy	Solicit public questions or concerns following completion of remediation activities

HOW TO JOIN:

Mailing List

National Grid established a mailing list for the former Tidewater Site. The list includes abutting property owners, tenants, easement holders, municipalities and any community well suppliers associated with any well head protection areas that encircle the Site. To sign up, email your name and address to Michele Leone at National Grid (Michele.Leone@nationalgrid.com) or call (781) 907-3651. National Grid will use the mailing list to announce upcoming public meetings and distribute fact sheets and other information about the Site. In addition, National Grid will use the list to distribute information regarding reports and other documents added to the repository.

Email Distribution List

Members of the mailing list, as well as other interested parties, have the option to receive information via email. In addition, versions of certain documents (i.e., weekly/biweekly status updates) will be posted to the informational bulletin boards when they are placed in the repository. National Grid will also email the distribution list when significant field activities begin and as planned field activities may change. Interested persons can go to the website (www.tidewatersite.com) to join the emailing list or email a request to Michele Leone at National Grid (Michele.Leone@nationalgrid.com) with your name and email address or call Michele at (781) 907-3651.

Phone Message Network

National Grid has established a phone message network to distribute time-sensitive information to interested parties on air monitoring results during periods of active earth disturbing activities at the Site. Sign up for the phone message alert system by emailing Michele Leone of National Grid (Michele.Leone@nationalgrid.com) or calling (781) 907-3651.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

Websites

Files related to the former Tidewater Site are maintained at RIDEM's Office of Waste Management filed under Former Tidewater Coal Gasification Plant (Pawtucket), RIDEM Case No. 95-022. Appointments to view the files can be made by contacting RIDEM, Department of Technical and Customer Assistance, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island (telephone: 401-222-4700).

Websites

- RIDEM Document Listing Website
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/waste/tide.htm>
Certain documents related to the investigation and remediation of the former Tidewater Site are maintained at the website operated by RIDEM. The document listing website contains publicly available submittals pertaining to the Site dating back to 2007 and documentation will continue to be posted here.
- National Grid Document Listing and Informational Website
www.tidewatersite.com
The website provides the public with timely updates on current and proposed activities at the Site. In addition, this website includes information on the nature and history of manufactured gas plants, history of the Tidewater facility, description of the Tidewater Site and regulatory background, access to key project documents and relevant correspondence, copies of public notices about the Site, public announcements, status update archive, frequently asked questions and Site contacts.

Local Informational Repository--Pawtucket Public Library

The local information repository at the Pawtucket Public Library contains copies of submittals included on the RIDEM website listed above. Electronic copies of these submittals are sent to the repository on a monthly basis. Upon request, National Grid will provide hard copies of the material for inclusion in this repository. Pawtucket Public Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The Pawtucket Public Library is located at 13 Summer Street (telephone: 401-725-3714).

Bulletin Boards

National Grid has installed informational bulletin boards at the end of Tidewater Street and at the end of Bowles Court. Weekly updates submitted to RIDEM will be posted to the bulletin boards, as well as how to find all submitted documents and how to receive more information about the Site. Site contact information is also posted on the bulletin boards.