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Ms. Race,

Please see the following comments as it relates to the contamination found at 6-50 Bridge Street in Weymouth, Massachusetts. This is for the public comment period for the Public Involvement Plan by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC with Release Tracking Number 4-0026230/4-0026243.

1. It has been noted that this site also contains a lot of coal ash. As the Phase I Initial Site Investigation report states, there are at least 1,000 residents who live within a ½ mile of the site. What exactly will be done to ensure the air quality does not jeopardize the health and welfare of nearby residents should you excavate and clean up this land?
2. This parcel of land directly abuts conservation land that is used as a public park on Kings Cove Beach. How can you ensure residents that any construction or clean up activity at this site will not impede on the public's right to use this land?
3. As a follow up, will any construction or clean up activity disrupt the public park and what will Enbridge/TRC do to ensure there is no damage to this public park in the clean up process and are you willing to fix anything you damage if you are proposing to disrupt this?
4. Some of the contamination that was found is reported to be about 16 feet deep. Disrupting contamination which was found below sea level could result in contamination leaking into the Fore River. Weymouth has two public beaches – Wessagusset Beach and Lane Beach along the Fore River. These beaches are used for boating and swimming by Weymouth residents. How will you reassure the public that disrupting the massive amount of contamination for a clean up will not seep into the Fore River and jeopardize the public's ability to utilize the waterfront?
5. These samples were taken because Enbridge is proposing to build a compressor station there. You have taken boring samples from the site where the main compressor building will be housed. Compressor stations have many other components including above and underground pipes and auxiliary buildings. How can you ensure the entire parcel is not contaminated and even though soil for where the main building will go was tested, what about the areas that will be dug for pipes and other components?

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6. Governor Baker is requiring a comprehensive health impact assessment in the Fore River Basin due to the concern of the health affects the known pollution already in the basin. Will your proposed clean-up of the oil in the soil be done prior to this study or after? It is strongly urged that no decision be made until after the results of the Governor's study are released.
7. Can you provide detailed engineering plans which outline the specific extraction plans of the contamination to include the proposed company doing the work, the proposed timeline, and all of the safety precautions that will be used in this process?
8. MassDOT has just re-opened the new Fore River Bridge and is continuing to finish the project. This project is slated to be completed in late spring of 2018. Part of the mitigation and project design of the new Fore River Bridge is to clean up all of the parks and areas around that bridge. Should MassDOT fulfill their promises overhaul the parking areas for the parks and beautify the surrounding area – something that the residents were promised during the planning phases of the bridge nearly a decade ago – will Enbridge/TRC be willing to damage all of the beautification that will be done by MassDOT this spring to clean up this contamination and be committed to re-beautify the area to the same expectation and standards that were promised to the residents would happen once the Fore River Bridge was completed? You have to understand that those of us who live near the bridge have been living in constant construction and were led to believe that once the bridge was completed, we would finally have some peace, quiet and a nice welcome over the bridge into our neighborhood.
9. How long will it take to clean up the parcel using proper standards?
10. What is the primary method you will be using to ship out contaminated soil? Truck? Barge? Other?
11. If truck is the primary method of removing soil, approximately how many truck loads will be needed to remove the contaminated soil?
12. If you are intending to clean up this parcel, where will the new soil come from?
13. At what point does the Fore River basin be deemed oversaturated with pollution? Why can you just not leave this parcel of land alone as is and leave it unbuildable? We need some green space around all of the industry around here. It is not wise to build more industry on such a contaminated piece of land which is subject to flooding and other coastal hazards. We have reports that the air quality is exceeding MassDEP standards for various elements and the risk of adding more to the poor air quality in such a residentially dense area is not wise. I urge you to consider the land undevelopable due to its condition and add this contaminated parcel to the Conservation land that already abuts it. It's been beat up enough and the public's health is not work adding more industry to the area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. I look forward to the responses from all of the questions and concerns raised in this process.

Respectfully,



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