



Notification to Abutters
Site Investigation
Former Potter Hill Mill
198 Potter Hill Road, Westerly, Rhode Island

June 13, 2025

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (RIDEM's) Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (the Remediation Regulations), Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) is providing notice to abutters that a Site Investigation for the above-mentioned property has been completed. The property is further designated as Map 8 Lot 23 of the Town of Westerly Tax Assessor's plat maps. The goal of the investigation was to determine the extent to which any historical activities at the property may have resulted in any exceedances of the RIDEM's promulgated soil criteria and groundwater objectives. The investigation involved sampling and analysis of surface and subsurface soil and groundwater. Surface soils are impacted with metals (arsenic and lead) and both surface and subsurface soils are impacted with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in areas surrounding former mill buildings in exceedance of RIDEM's Direct Exposure Criteria. Additionally, groundwater samples contained concentrations of arsenic above the RIDEM GA Groundwater Objectives (GA GO). The proposed remedial alternative for soil on the property is the application of an engineered barrier, consisting of landscaped areas, concrete/pavement, and/or building foundations, as well as the recording of an Environmental Land Use Restriction (ELUR) to the deed of the property whereas RIDEM establishes guidelines for any future subsurface activities at the property. The proposed remedial alternative for groundwater is groundwater monitoring and natural attenuation until at least three quarters of groundwater monitoring meet compliance with RIDEM's GA GO for arsenic. The future use of the property will be for public use as a recreational area. RIDEM has determined that the investigation has adequately assessed the nature and extent of the contamination at the property and addressed all concerns in accordance with the Remediation Regulations.

Pursuant to the Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) Title 23, Health and Safety, Chapter 23-19.14, Industrial Property Remediation and Reuse Act, Section 23-19.14-5, Environmental Equity and Public Participation, and the proposed future use of the property as a public use as a recreational area, representatives from GES, RIDEM and the Town of Westerly will hold a public meeting to discuss the results of the Site Investigation and the objectives for cleaning up the property.

The meeting will be held on:

June 24th, 2025

5:30 PM

Town of Westerly, Rhode Island Town Hall's municipal courtroom located on the second floor.

Note: the meeting is not mandatory and is for informational purposes only.

The 14-calendar day comment period will commence following the June 24th, 2025 public meeting, during which the public may review RIDEM records pertaining to this property and submit written comments regarding the technical feasibility of the preferred remedial



alternative. Should you require additional time for review, a request for an extension of the comment period may be made to the Department. Requests must be received by the Department before 4:00pm on the final day of the comment period and may be made in writing to the address or email address below or by calling the telephone number listed below. RIDEM will consider all substantive written comments prior to issuing its final approval of the proposed remedial alternative.

Written comments should be submitted to:

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Arrangements to review RIDEM records may be made by contacting Angela Spadoni, Office of Customer and Technical Assistance, at (401) 537-4029, or by email at Dem.filereview@dem.ri.gov.