



July 25,2012 Comment period starts today

Re: New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal.

1. What about the underground fuel tanks, asbestos and coal tar residue ? Part of the construction will be on a brownfield site called the Standard Times Field ?

2. What about the old Cannon Street Power Plant toxins next to the proposed new commerce terminal ?

The URLs are below

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1.

<http://www.epa.gov/region1/brownfields/success/newbedford1.html>

Over ten locations at well points have Hydrocarbons in excess of allowable standards. Hydrocarbons are a precursor to ground-level ozone, a serious air pollutant in cities across the United States. The area is loaded with asbestos and several feet of coal residue.

<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/Environmental/L2006-034new.pdf>

"Potential impacts to site soil and groundwater from a suspected 150,000-gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) potentially located on the subject site, and former USTs in the vicinity of the site."

"A June 1920 Acushnet Mills map prepared for the Plan Department of the Associated Mutual Insurance Companies indicates that a 150,000-gallon fuel oil UST was formerly located on the subject site. TRC's determination was based on a scaled overlay of the aforementioned 1920 Acushnet Mills map over a current City of New Bedford land parcel map. In addition, the site of a former 550-gallon gasoline UST associated with the former mills is located approximately 30 feet west (upgradient) of the subject site."

2.

Follow up to 2005 news story ;Cannon Street Power Plant ,New Bedford

As the Legislature entered the home stretch of the 1996 session, local lawmakers made a final push to win state aid to remove a toxic power plant. The House in 1996 passed a plan that contains \$300,000 to study the possibility of converting the toxic abandoned New Bedford power plant.

The cleanup documents for the power plant are said to weigh around twenty pounds.

<http://archive.southcoasttoday.com/daily/12-05/12-22-05/a01lo272.htm>

"In the longer term, the company plans to clean up the former power plant, a process that would begin next summer and cost about \$3 million, Mr. Therriault said. The plant is contaminated with asbestos, lead paint and bird droppings; a section of the pier is contaminated with coal tar and heavy metals.

In its press release announcing the sale, Sprague wrote that it is "Contractually committed to the remediation of the former power plant." NStar has maintained that it wanted to be completely cleared of liability for the cost of cleanup, and that was a major obstacle in the city's ultimately failed negotiations to purchase the property. "

This story appeared on Page A1 of The Standard-Times on December 22, 2005.

http://kgurbanadvisors.com/cannon_street_station/press_clips.htm

"At one point during a meeting with The Standard-Times, Stern said his firm estimated "land acquisition and cleanup costs" at more than \$50 million. At another, he said the cleanup would cost "an order of magnitude more than \$6 million," which translates to about \$60 million.

"The site contains every type of contamination except nuclear," he said. "There's fuel oil, tar, coal tar, cyanide, lead paint, asbestos, guano (excrement from seabirds, seals and bats), asbestos and mold, and the mold is the scary part because the organics are very dangerous.

"We know what's there in the ground and in the building," Stern said. "We spent six figures to produce a book that's literally 20 pounds.

"We could get the building cleaned up in nine months," he said."