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VERMONT'S TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY RESOURCE

Pentachlorophenol Investigation Update

Operating Committee

November 2014

Update

- Environmental quality sampling for VTGAS & VELCO
 - Sampling completed along VTGAS alignment in VELCO Corridor
 - Sampling completed of shallow springs near structures
 - No Pentachlorophenol detected in soil or groundwater
 - ANR requested the collection of several additional soil samples to allow for the closure of the spill case in Monkton by the end of the year
- As expected, PSB has acted on the ANR's request and opened docket 8310, which requires the performance of a “*General investigation into the practices of Vermont Utilities in using poles treated with Pentachlorophenol*”

Docket 8310 Details/Next Steps

- Docket 8310 – *Noteworthy Items*
 - PSB has accepted ANR’s proposal and timeline
 - Declined to appoint members of the working group and has directed ANR to assemble the team
 - ANR’s proposal includes 12 members
 - 4 Regulatory
 - 4 Utility (VELCO, GMP, WEC and Telco, (likely Fairpoint))
 - 4 Stakeholders (Participation requested by Town of Monkton, IBEW, Treated Wood Council (TWC) and North America Wood Pole Council (NAWPC))
 - PSB agreed with request to be informed of significant costs and review status reports, but did not further address the issue of costs in the order
 - ANR is expected to convene the working group by the end of the year
- Preparation for Penta Investigation Docket
 - Assembled previous reports/studies – provided to ANR
 - Held informational seminar with McFarland-Cascade and DUs
 - Involving the ANR Director of Sites Management