

Email from Friends of Penobscot Bay to Kelsey O'Neil, US EPA Region 1 Superfund reviewer Jun 30, 2014

At the request of US EPA's Kelsey O'Neil (an EPA superfund staffer) FOPB executive director Ron Huber sent her the following summarizing note concerning GAC Chemical

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Cc: Friends of Penobscot Bay BOD <penbay@googlegroups.com>
Sent: Mon, Jun 30, 2014 1:27 pm
Subject: GAC Chemical Searsport Maine legacy shoreline waste erosion issue

Dear Ms. O'Neil

Thanks for taking my call. As I noted, USCG Lt Commander Timothy Balunis, Portland Maine, has notified us he has sent the issue along to US EPA

Below is that email of his along with links to other recent documents and relevant background links to relevant info about the GAC Chemical Corp site on Kidder Point in Stockton Harbor, Searsport Maine. The [Friends of Penobscot Bay](#) is a conservation NGO. Our board is made of people who fish Penobscot Bay for lobsters, sea urchins, marine worms & finfish or use the bay for recreation.

Legacy waste identification and mitigation is a top priority, especially in the upper Bay estuary. As you may know, considerable federal monies are being poured into the betterment of the Penobscot Estuary (upper Penobscot Bay /lower Penobscot River). There may be remediation responses independent of Maine DEP (and resources) that EPA could avail itself of under that federal initiative.

This Kidder Point site is understood to be the worst land based coastal ocean acidification site in New England - See Dr Green report. Moreover we believe that GAC's CEO David Colter will support remediate of the wastes at the site if the costs are shared out enough that GAC doesn't have to take an overwhelming financial hit. Under CERCLA they won't, as several Potentially Responsible Party predecessors on the site still exist.

Kelsey we look forward to hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or are able to convince DEP to work with the community and not be such a company advocate that discourages public participation. I think this is Maine DEP's greatest weak spot.

Best wishes

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1. [General web portal on GAC Chemical's Kidder Point eroding wastes](#) problem in Searsport, Maine and Kidder Point eroding wastes. (You may also google "GAC Chemical, waste" for news stories and blog entries)

2. DOCUMENTS AND IMAGES - FROM MOST RECENT TO OLDER

USCG Lt Commander Tim Balunis' [Jun 26, 2014 email to Friends of Penobscot Bay](#). Shifts responsibility to US EPA.

FOPB /MDEP [June 2014 exchange of emails](#)

Professor Mark Green of St Joseph's College [April 2014, report to FOPB on his sediment test findings](#).

GAC Chemical [email to 2012 and 2014 to FOPB concerning site remediation](#) (CEO David Colter was working with us until MDEP's Miller intervened)

Maine DEP's [10/18/13 memo on their site visit](#). MDEP's [10/18/13 powerpoint photo essay of their site visit](#)

FOPB [11/18/13 response to DEP report](#)

[Photoessay of the Kidder Point shore and wastes](#) (pdf)

[Site History](#) including 1990's media coverage of site pollution issues

[Aerial photos and historic DEP maps](#) (pdf)

Maine DEP officials involved or relevant.

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

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