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Project information for the communities of Millbury, Sutton, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Millville, Massachusetts

Current and Future Activity

Weeks of September 22 and September 29, 2014

The above photo provides a view of the road and workpad activity underway looking south off Smith Road in Sutton. After tree clearing, the access roads and workpads are constructed in preparation for the arrival of the drill crews to begin the foundation work.

CURRENT TREE CLEARING ACTIVITY AND LOOK AHEAD



The above photo shows the feller buncher activity off Central Street at the Massachusetts/Rhode Island state line. The claws hold the tree in place while it is cut with the circular saw. The logs are then bunched together on the ground for transport to a landing area near the road.

Tree clearing activity during the past week has been active from the Rhode Island state line moving north towards Quaker Street in Millville. Over the next few weeks the tree crews are scheduled to finish the remaining work in Millville and Uxbridge along the right-of-way. This will substantially complete the tree work in Massachusetts, except for certain areas where environmental restrictions and access limit the work. Additional information about these areas will be included in future biweekly updates.



The above photo shows recent chipping activity at Central Street at the Massachusetts/Rhode Island state line.

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND LOOK AHEAD

The installation of matting and work pads, and road construction in the right-of-way have been underway from the Millbury #3 Switching Station heading towards the Rhode Island state line. The removal of the vacant lattice structures has been going smoothly, with more than 65 of the 114 towers (57%) now completed.

The drilling stage of construction has started in the area of the Millbury #3 Substation. Foundation work will continue along this route south towards Boston Road in Sutton.



The above photo shows drill rig activity just outside the Millbury #3 Substation.

Work is underway at the Millbury #3 Switching Station, located off Cross Street in Millbury. National Grid's contractor is performing various equipment upgrades and additions within the existing fence line of the station, which will continue over the coming months. On occasion, due to electric system constraints, it will be necessary to perform some of this work on Saturdays and Sundays.

The photo below shows a view of some of the ongoing work at the Millbury #3 Substation.



Environmental Considerations

Dewatering--the removal of groundwater or surface water from a construction site--may be necessary during excavations on the right-of-way. Where dewatering is necessary during excavations for new structures within or adjacent to wetland areas, water is pumped into dewatering basins. The dewatering system in the photo below contains a silt bag (on the right) which removes the majority of sediment from the pumped water. The silt bag is secondarily contained by a filter fabric which filters the remaining sediment while allowing water to pass through the fabric back into the ground. The sediment is then removed from the basin and disposed of by evenly spreading it over unvegetated upland areas. The dewatering basin will be removed following dewatering operations and the area will be seeded and mulched during the restoration phase of the Project.



The photo above shows a dewatering system.

Public Safety

To ensure public safety during construction of this project, access to the right-of-way will be restricted to National Grid, its contractors and authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use of the right-of-way is prohibited at all times.

- **All National Grid employees will have IDs and subcontractors will have contractor cards and IDs**
- **Signs and traffic controls will be in place to minimize any disruption and to protect public safety**
- **Please keep well away from active work areas and equipment**
- **If you have questions, please call (800) 506-0815**

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