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

Current and Future Activity

Weeks of January 26 and February 2, 2015

The above photo shows a drill rig crew working off Mill Street in Uxbridge.

FOUNDATION DRILLING ACTIVITY

Drilling activity continues along the right-of-way at Lackey Pond, Williams Street, Douglas Pike, Taft Hill Road, High Street, Hazel Street, Mill Street, Richardson Street and Quaker Highway in Uxbridge. Foundation activity continues along the transmission corridor toward the Rhode Island border.



The above photo shows large steel cylinders (caissons) that are placed in foundation holes for stability during drilling and lifted out as the concrete is being poured. These caissons are eight feet in diameter and fifteen feet long and weigh twelve thousand pounds.

WIRE PULLING ACTIVITY

The wire pulling work from the Millbury #3 Switching Station to Boston Road in Sutton is near completion. The wire pulling activity will continue in Sutton along Stone School Road over the next few weeks, moving towards Central Pike.



The above photo shows structures that have been erected off Stone School Road in Sutton.

MILLBURY SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION

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 above photo shows the ongoing construction at the Millbury #3 Substation. Work is well underway to accommodate the addition of the new 366 (345-kV) transmission line.

HELICOPTER ACTIVITY UNDERWAY IN TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS

National Grid is conducting a semiannual helicopter inspection of more than 2,900 miles of high-voltage transmission lines in the service area for Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. The helicopter flyovers help to identify potential problems in the transmission lines. The inspection began the week of January 12th and is scheduled to be completed by mid-March.

Hunting Season and the Safety of Our Workers

During the hunting seasons in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, we ask hunters to refrain from hunting on and around the Interstate Reliability Project rights-of-way and access corridors. The Project areas are active work zones for well over 100 workers through 2015.

The safety of our workers is paramount, and we ask for your cooperation and consideration as you make your hunting plans.

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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