

May 15, 2020

Subject: North Avenue Tank Project Update

Dear Neighbor,

As Aquarion plans for the start of this project, I would like to provide you with an update so you can be informed and prepared for the initial stage of the project. As you may be aware, there were several conditions and orders in the final December 18, 2019 decision by PURA. This letter will provide you with details relative to these conditions and orders.

Aquarion has awarded this project to Preload, LLC, a global leader in prestressed concrete tank design and construction. Our consultant, AECOM will also continue to serve us during the construction phase of the project. The overall construction schedule, which includes site restoration, will take approximately 2 years and, as planned, the North Tank will be built and placed into service first. Our goal is to complete this first tank by year's end. A more detailed schedule is enclosed with this letter.

The final decision by PURA contains several key elements and conditions that will be detailed in a separate communication on our website, but the following summarizes recently completed items.

1. Aquarion completed the installation of sound dampening equipment at the site to reduce the noise levels related to operation of the emergency generator on March 24, 2020. Work consisted of modifying the intake and exhaust louvers to install sound baffles. The installation resulted in a reduction in noise levels of 31% (71 to 54 decibel reduction) at the closest property line.
2. The Town of Westport has chosen an Ombudsman, Ms. Gail Kelly, Esq., who served as Westport Assistant Town Attorney and Aquarion agrees with this selection.
3. Aquarion has selected Redniss & Mead to serve as the Independent Site Monitor and the Town has approved our decision.
4. In the current COVID-19 environment, Aquarion has developed detailed mitigations and protocols that will be followed by all parties working on our property. We will also require the pre-blasting home inspections, a requirement of our approval, to follow mitigation measures that conform to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, including inspection by appointment only and use of PPE's. We are planning to complete this inspection work in June, and will provide a more a more specific timeline once our schedule is finalized.



Our project schedule and sequence of work is outlined on the attached page and we will be providing you with routine updates. Should you have questions, please contact me at 203-395-4604 or mfois@aquarionwater.com.

Best Regards,

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North Avenue Tanks Project Schedule

<u>Work Activity</u>	<u>Estimated Time Period</u>
Mobilization	May 2020
Soil and Erosion Controls and Installation of Fencing and Tree Clearing	May and June 2020
Construction of Tank # 1 – Northern Tank	August 2020 through December 2020
Demolition of Existing Steel Tank	March and April 2021
Construction of Tank # 2 – Southern Tank	May 2021 – November 2021
Final Grading, Loam and Seeding and Landscaping	April/May 2022