

ENACT meeting summary
October 3, 2006

At this week's ENACT board meeting, the following items were discussed:

1. RIDEM has received work plans from the gas company for partial cleanup of hotspots on three properties and additional testing on 3 other properties in the neighborhood (6 work plans in all). The "Short Term" work plans outline only a very limited soil removal on 3 properties that have had imminent hazards identified in the top 6 inches of soil. The proposed soil removal would not be done to RIDEM Method 1 Residential Direct Exposure Criteria, but would be done according to screening levels developed by Environ for the Gas Co.—screening levels that are much higher than the RIDEM limits. This would allow levels of chemicals to remain in the soil that are considered unacceptable by RIDEM, yet the Gas Co. is proposing them anyway. There is also still no word on how contamination on the other properties in the neighborhood will be handled. This cleanup needs to be done, but it needs to be done right! After 4 years, a permanent solution is need---not a "short-term" action. ENACT will continue to push for total cleanup of the neighborhood, but we will need your continued support.

THIS IS VERY SERIOUS. THERE ARE DANGEROUS LEVELS OF CHEMICALS IN THE TOP SIX INCHES OF PEOPLES YARDS. WHERE PEOPLE WALK AND CHILDREN PLAY!!!

2. Our documentary filmmaker has drafted an opening segment.