

Dear Board Members and Supervisor.

I am sharing with you two recent incidents that occurred at the URT facility located on Sound Shore Rd. that you all need to be aware of. Unfortunately, these incidents are not uncommon and raise significant community safety and health issues.

Sunday March 4, 2015 10:15 am – Strong smell of oil at my house and on Sound Shore Rd and in front of the URT facility. I did not call DEC, as I just had them visit the day before. Unfortunately, the DEC's response on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> did not solve the smell issue.

Saturday March 3, 2015 at 11am there was a strong smell of oil at my house, on Sound Shore Rd. in front of my house and in front of the URT facility on Sound Shore rd. I contacted the DEC and after making four phone calls was able to get a DEC police officer who visited my house and the facility and confirmed the strong odor. I spoke to three DEC personnel. Two had absolutely no knowledge of the existence of the URT facility on Sound Shore Rd. The visiting officer was familiar with the facility. It took close to two hours from my first call to get DEC on site.

Tuesday January 13, 2015, 6:30pm. Strong smell of oil outside the URT facility and as far as one half mile east on Sound Shore Rd and multiple neighbors properties.

The fumes were again present on Wednesday January 14 at 12:25pm. At 1:17pm, Northville Beach Civic Assn (NBCA) president Neil Krupnick was able to communicate with Nick Acampora Environmental Specialist II, Response Section Supervisor, Office of Spill Prevention, Division of Environmental Remediation, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Acampora communicated with URT and URT told him the cause of the strong fumes/odor was from the activities associated with receiving a delivery at the off shore platform. URT assured Mr. Acampora that they would take the steps necessary to reduce/eliminate the odors and monitor the process. Mr. Krupnick of the NBCA was informed by the DEC that the URT facility would be visited the next day Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> by DEC staff, but the person who had been handling the facility and its permitting and operations had retired and as a result "we lost a lot of institutional knowledge regarding the site's operational practices".

During the day Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> there were no fumes/odors and the facility was visited by DEC staff but, at 5:30pm after DEC staff were gone, the fumes/odors returned very strong. At 5:30pm I called the DEC and was told a DEC officer would contact me. No one ever contacted me. Other neighbors called the DEC to complain.

A few questions:

- How does current zoning address fumes/odors nuisances coming from URT onto the Town Rd. and private properties? In other words, is this permitted under current zoning?

- What is the emergency and compliance process that the Town has set up for neighbors to utilize regarding odors, fumes and nuisances? As you can see, these regularly occur after business hours.
- The DEC was aware of these and other incidences (these are just the two most recent, they occur consistently over time). Does the Town and the DEC have communications links together to insure that you are both aware of community safety?
- Since gasoline is now being considered and gasoline fumes are more volatile than oil, what is the “blast zone” of the proposed gasoline tanks and are their residences within that zone that need to be notified?

I hope this information is helpful to you all as you continue to collect information relevant to the application from URT currently under consideration.

Thanks,  
Steve Weir