# PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING ORRINGTON REACH THIN LAYER CAP PILOT PROJECT NRPA PERMIT APPLICATION

## Public Meeting and Drop-In Session Wednesday | February 5, 2025

Drop-in Information Session: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Public Informational Meeting: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

## Location: Orrington Town Hall Annex One Municipal Way, Orrington, Maine 04474

#### Host

Greenfield Penobscot Estuary Remediation Trust LLC, Trustee of the Penobscot Estuary Mercury Remediation Trust (Remediation Trust)

#### All are invited

Learn about the Remediation Trust's plans to file a Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

#### Thin Layer Cap (TLC) Pilot Project

The application is for a small-scale pilot test to demonstrate a TLC is an effective and protective remedy to address mercury contamination in intertidal flats of the Penobscot Estuary. The project will place a 4-to-6-inch sand cap on ±6.3 acres of intertidal flats including a portion of low marsh in East Cove 3 of Orrington Reach in Orrington, Maine.

#### Meeting topics

- Summary of TLC Pilot project
- Outline of NRPA permit application
- Anticipated environmental impacts
- Public participation in licensing process
- Remediation Trust background

#### Light refreshments provided

In case of inclement weather, the events will be postponed to Tuesday, February 11.

For updates: penobscotriverremediation.com



Contact: Lauri Gorton, Program Manager, call (414) 732-4514, email LG@g-etg.com



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### PUBLIC NOTICE: PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING, WED., FEB. 5, 2025

Please take notice that Greenfield Penobscot Estuary Remediation Trust LLC, Trustee of the Penobscot Estuary Mercury Remediation Trust (Remediation Trust), will hold a public informational meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Orrington Town Hall Annex, One Municipal Way, Orrington, Maine 04474, to discuss plans to file a Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit application for a capping pilot project in Orrington Reach. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

The NRPA permit application is for a small-scale pilot test to demonstrate a thin layer cap (TLC) is an effective and protective remedy to address mercury contamination in intertidal flat sediments of the Penobscot River Estuary. The TLC Pilot project will place a 4-to-6-inch sand cap on  $\pm$ 6.3 acres of intertidal flats, including a portion of low marsh, in East Cove 3 of Orrington Reach, adjacent to the Orrington Picnic Park on River Road in the Town of Orrington, Penobscot County, Maine.

The Remediation Trust intends to file the NRPA permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in February 2025. Prior to the filing, a separate Notice of Intent to File the application will be: mailed to abutters, landowners within 1,000 feet of the project site, and the Town of Orrington; published in the Bangor Daily News; posted on the Remediation Trust website at <u>www.penobscotriverremediation.com</u>; and emailed to subscribers to Remediation Trust email updates. (To subscribe to Remediation Trust email updates, complete the Sign up to receive updates about our work form at <u>www.penobscotriverremediation.com</u>).

The purpose of the public informational meeting (6:00–7:00 p.m.) and a drop-in information session (2:00–5:00 p.m.) is for the Remediation Trust to inform the public of the proposed project, its anticipated environmental impacts, and the opportunity for the public to submit written comment to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

In case of inclement weather, the public informational meeting (6:00–7:00 p.m.) and the drop-in session (2:00– 5:00 p.m.) will be postponed to Tuesday, February 11. Postponement will be announced at <u>www.penobscotriverremediation.com</u> and via email update.

For further information, contact Remediation Trust Program Manager Lauri Gorton at 414-732-4514 or at <u>LG@g-etg.com</u>. Please check <u>www.penobscotriverremediation.com</u> for updates.

The Remediation Trust was created in 2022 as part of a federal court-approved settlement of a lawsuit brought over mercury contamination in the Penobscot River Estuary. The U.S. District Court in Maine entered a Consent Decree that required Mallinckrodt US LLC to pay at least \$187 million for cleanup and other beneficial environmental projects and that specified several mercury remediation measures including capping of intertidal sediments in Orrington Reach.

The NRPA permit application will be filed at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's (Maine DEP) regional office at 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401, for public inspection during normal working hours. A copy of the application will also be provided to the municipal offices in the Town of Orrington, One Municipal Way, Orrington, Maine 04474, for public inspection.

Written public comments on the application may be sent to the Maine DEP regional office in Bangor where the application is filed for public inspection: Maine DEP, Eastern Maine Regional Office, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401.

This public notice was mailed on January 15, 2025, to abutters, landowners within 1,000 feet of the project site, and the Town of Orrington, and will be shared on <u>www.penobscotriverremediation.com</u> and emailed to Remediation Trust email update subscribers.