

# TIDEWATER SITE PUBLIC MEETING

*Sponsored by National Grid*

**January 29, 6:00 p.m.**

**Varieur School**

**HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS from OVER 100 YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL WORK**  
are buried **IN THE SOIL** at the energy station that lies  
**ALONG TIDEWATER AND TAFT STREETS**

Soon, National Grid will begin work to make the property safer.

- WHAT DO YOU WANT THEM TO DO WITH THESE CHEMICALS? (Cover them? Remove them?)
- HOW DO YOU WANT THEM TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY WHILE DOING THIS WORK?
- WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IF CHEMICALS ARE ACCIDENTALLY RELEASED INTO THE AIR?

**ONLY YOU CAN SPEAK FOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COMMUNITY!**  
**COME MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!**



## **SOME OF THE CHEMICALS ARE:**

**Arsenic:** Known carcinogen, can cause damage to the nervous system and the blood count. Children are at a higher risk.  
**Benzene:** Long term exposure decreases red blood cells, causes leukemia, and birth defects

**Benzo(a)pyren:** Known carcinogen; sunlight intensifies harmful effects of exposure

**Lead:** Causes brain and nerve damage, behavior and learning problems, slowed growth, hearing problems and headaches in children, reproductive problems, high blood pressure, nerve disorders, memory and concentration problems, and muscle and joint pain

**Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH):** Different compounds that come from crude oil. Many linked to illnesses, including nerve damage, lung damage, cancer, and fetal disorders

**Naphthalene:** Known cause of cancer; can cause damage to the liver, kidneys, and eyes.

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