

Cleanup Action to Begin at the Granville Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site

Action is about to begin that will address environmental impacts related to the former Granville Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site (“site”) under New York’s State Superfund Program. The site is located on North Street, approximately 0.25 miles north of the intersection of Main Street and North Street, in Granville, NY. The cleanup activities will be performed by New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

Cleanup activities are expected to begin in February 2019 and require about 16 months to complete. The estimated cost to implement the cleanup is approximately \$19 million.

Highlights of Upcoming Activities

Remediation efforts for the site will achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil and sediment on the Little League property, in the Mettawee River and on the former MGP Site.
- Backfilling of excavated areas with soil that meets the specified soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). The specific SCOs vary by location (unrestricted use for ballfield/streambed, restricted residential use on MGP property).
- In-situ stabilization (ISS) of impacted soil outside of former MGP operations area on NYSEG-owned property.
- Construction of a cover system on the site. The cover system will consist of a minimum of two feet of soil in the MGP operations excavation area and four feet of material in the ISS area.
- Installation of NAPL recovery wells to collect and remove contamination.
- Development of a Site Management Plan for the long-term maintenance of the site.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement for the institutional and engineering controls needed at the site.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-Site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Next Steps

After cleanup activities are completed, NYSEG will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER). The FER will describe the cleanup activities that were completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

Background

The Granville MGP was constructed in 1898 and operated until 1946. During this period, gas was manufactured by heating coal and injecting petroleum. The gas was distributed to the local community, typically for heating and cooking. The plant was operated by Granville Electric and Gas Company until 1925, and then by the Eastern New York Electric and Gas Company, Inc. until 1928, and finally by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation until 1946.

The work area is approximately 10 acres in size and is composed of three adjoining parcels owned by NYSEG. The southern end of the site is wooded, while the northern half transitions from a wooded area into an open field containing the NYSEG Granville Operations Center. A portion of the baseball fields and Mettawee River to the west will also be part of the work area.

Additional Site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 558021) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

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