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Attached please find the final version of the CI Site Fact Sheet 2, announcing the public meeting that will be held on December 10. Dave Crosby has reviewed and approved this Fact Sheet and has asked that I fax the final version to you. This will be mailex, via regular mail, today.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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**Fact Sheet 2**

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**Public Informational Meeting on Coney Island Site to be Held on December 10****Brooklyn Union's Coney Island Hotlines**

Brooklyn Union has opened two "hotlines" for Coney Island neighbors with questions about the clean-up at the Brooklyn Borough Gas Works.

**Telephone Hotline:**

Cathy Sevos  
718.403.2900

**E-Mail Hotline:**

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[CSevos@bug.com](mailto:CSevos@bug.com)

**NYSDEC and NYSDOH Contacts****NYSDEC:**

Division of Environmental Remediation:  
Dave Crosby 518.457.9285

**NYSDOH (Dept. of Health)****Health Liaison:**

Nina Knapp  
1.800.458.6402 ext. 402

**Exposure Investigation:**

Bill Gilday  
1.800.458.1158 ext. 6305

**Meeting To Discuss Remedial Investigation Report**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Brooklyn Union, the owner of the Brooklyn Borough Gas Works site that is bordered by the Shore Parkway and Coney Island Creek, will hold a Public Informational Meeting on December 10 to present a summary of the Remedial Investigation Report about the site and to respond to questions from the public. The meeting will be held between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at P.S. 288 which is located on 2950 West 25<sup>th</sup> St., Brooklyn (between Surf Ave. and Mermaid Ave.). Brooklyn Union and NYSDEC voluntarily negotiated an Order on Consent in 1995 through which the industrial wastes related to the site being used as a Manufactured Gas Plant from around 1890 through the mid-1950's have been investigated and will be cleaned up as required by the NYSDEC. The Remedial Investigation Report, which has been reviewed and approved by NYSDEC, identifies the contaminants on the site and describes the environmental conditions and their impact on and near the site. It is a required aspect of the Order on Consent, and is conducted with NYSDEC acceptance and oversight. The Public Meeting is part of the Citizen Participation Plan, which Brooklyn Union developed with NYSDEC and which is also required under the Order on Consent.

**History of Site Investigation**

Brooklyn Union became the owners of this site in 1959, when it acquired the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company. At the time of the acquisition, production of gas on the site had already been discontinued. As information developed in the late 1970's and early 1980's about the environmental impacts of MGP sites, Brooklyn Union commissioned a series of studies on the site, conducted by independent expert consultants. The studies identified that there was underground contamination on the site and that there was intermittent seeping of contamination from the site into Coney Island Creek. One study, reviewed and approved by the New York City Department of Health (NYCDOH) in 1992, did find that the levels of contamination on the surface of the eastern portion of the site (baseball field) were permissible. The Remedial Investigation Report was designed to incorporate these studies, and combined with new data from studies conducted in 1996 and 1997 under the jurisdiction of the NYSDEC, provide guidance as to how the site can best be cleaned up. The Remedial Investigation Report was placed in the Document Repositories on November 21, 1997, and is available for public inspection.

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### Document Repositories on BBGW Clean-Up

Coney Island residents have access to a wide range of documents and reports about the BBGW site, including the context of the Remedial Investigation Report. The Document Repositories, are located at:

Community Board 13  
2900 W. 8th Street  
Brooklyn NY 11224  
718.266.3001  
Contact: Chuck Reitchenthal

NYSDEC Region 2  
1 Hunters Point Plaza  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City 11101  
718.482.4995  
Contact: Joe O'Connell

We recommend calling ahead for an appointment.

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Brooklyn Union has also completed two Interim Remedial Measures (IRM(s)) on the site. In October, 1994 Brooklyn Union, with the approval of the United States Coast Guard, installed the first IRM at the Coney Island Site and in the Coney Island Creek in order to mitigate the seep into the Coney Island Creek. Then in October of this year, Brooklyn Union completed IRM II, which consisted of the removal of surface soil containing lead residue from the western portion of the site, as discussed in Fact Sheet 1.

### Community Environmental Impact

Under the terms of the Order on Consent, Brooklyn Union, together with independent consultants, will next conduct a Risk Assessment to present and evaluate the environmental and health impacts of the contamination at the BBGW site as it currently is and as potentially remediated. The Risk Assessment will be followed by a Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) that will identify remediation strategies for the site.

The Remedial Investigation Report shows all of the chemicals, metals and other materials expected to be found on a site formerly used as an MGP, and which has not yet been cleaned-up. It shows that the chemicals and other materials do not leave the site through airborne routes. It shows that while some of the chemicals enter the groundwater, presently this groundwater water has not been used for a drinking water supply or other known uses. Finally, it shows that some of the chemicals and metals have seeped into Coney Island Creek. However, the Creek is also subject to contamination from many other sources and remediation of the Creek will require additional studies and the cooperation of all of the parties whose properties contribute to the contamination.

### Public Informational Meeting Guidelines

The Public Meeting on December 10 is open to all community residents and organizations. It is being co-sponsored by NYSDEC and Brooklyn Union. A NYSDEC representative will first make an opening statement, and representatives of Brooklyn Union will then make a brief presentation summarizing the Remedial Investigation Report. A question and answer period will be provided after the presentation where representative of NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and Brooklyn Union will be available to answer any questions.

### Brooklyn Union, State Reps Available to Answer Questions

If you or your organization have questions about the remediation of the BBGW site, or participation in the Public Meeting, please contact Cathy Sevos through the BBGW Hotline. The NYSDEC and NYSDOH representatives identified on Page 1 are also available to answer your questions.

### Brooklyn Union Mailer

**Please feel free to use this mailer for any of the following purposes:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ You would like to include the name and address of someone you know who may be interested in receiving future Fact Sheets on the Coney Island Former Manufactured Gas (MGP) Site.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You would like to be taken off our mailing list for the Coney Island MGP Site.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You would like to provide us with a change of name and address

**Please complete the form as indicated below, fold, and mail directly to Brooklyn Union.**

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**Delete the following name(s)**

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**Make the following changes to the address:**

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**Comments or Concerns:**