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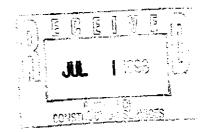
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Attached please find the final version of Fact Sheet 3 describing the results of IRM II and the revised listing of interested parties who will receive this fact sheet. This fact sheet will be mailed on July 2nd.

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Final Report on Remediation of Lead Contaminated Soil

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: Cathy Sevos CSevos@bug.com

NYSDEC and NYSDOH Contacts

NYSDEC: Bureau of Construction Services: Dave Crosby 518.457.9285

NYSDOH (Dept. of Health) Health Liaison: Nina Knapp 1.800.458. 1158 ext. 402

Exposure Investigation: Bill Gilday 1.800.458.1158 ext. 6305

Consent Order Process

In May 1995, Brooklyn Union and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) had agreed to an Order on Consent under which the Coney Island Site (former Brooklyn Borough Gas Works Site) will be evaluated relative to its being used as a Manufactured Gas Plant from around 1908 through the mid-1950's. Under the Order of Consent process Brooklyn Union is committed to performing studies to determine the nature and extent of the contamination and to cleaning up the contamination.

Brooklyn Union has finished the first part of the process by performing an investigation of environmental conditions at the site. The investigation results are summarized in the Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) which was approved by NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) in November 1997. The RIR has been placed in the document repositories listed on the following page for public viewing.

Brooklyn Union is now preparing the Risk Assessment Report (RAR) which will define the cleanup levels for the site. Once, the RAR is approved by NYSDEC and NYSDOH, Brooklyn Union will prepare a Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) which will propose remedial measures based upon the cleanup levels identified in the RAR. These remedial measures will eliminate, to the extent possible, contamination identified in the RIR. Once NYSDEC decides upon a remedial program, Brooklyn Union has committed to implementing the remedial program. In the Order on Consent, Brooklyn Union also has committed to implement a Citizens Participation Program. Brooklyn Union also has the opportunity to propose Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs), such as the IRM discussed in this Fact Sheet.

IRM-II Objectives

In October 1997, Brooklyn Union conducted an Interim Remedial Measure (known as IRM-II) to remove soil contaminated with lead from the site. The IRM-II work plan was approved by NYSDEC and was conducted under NYSDEC oversight. An IRM is a discrete set of planned actions to address a specific problem prior to conducting extensive remediation and evaluation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). It is extremely adaptable and covers a variety of activities to remediate diverse, well-defined problems at the site. The IRM work was performed by contractors for Brooklyn Union, with oversight from NYSDEC.

The lead soil contamination, addressed by IRM-II, primarily related to painting and repainting of the large gas holders located on the site when it was used as a Manufactured Gas Plant from around 1890 through the mid-1950's. The source of the lead could also be related to the gas making process. IRM-II

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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 complete text of the Report on IRM-II. The Document Repositories, are 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

We recommend calling ahead for an appointment.

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was designed to reduce lead contamination in soils up to 1 foot below ground level to a level of 1700 parts per million (ppm), which corresponded to USEPA Region VI Guidance and was deemed acceptable by NYSDEC. The work plan further stated that if the soil at 1 foot below ground exhibited levels of lead above 1700 ppm, more soil would be removed unless the soil also contained coal tar. It was determined by Brooklyn Union and agreed to by NYSDEC, that due to the markedly different character of the soil containing lead and coal tar mixture, the handling of the soil containing a mixture of coal tar and lead would be addressed by the upcoming feasibility study. The Final Report, which is available for viewing at the two document repositories concludes that the objectives of IRM-II, which consisted of removal of lead contaminated soils without large amounts of coal tar, were achieved.

History

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 consultants. The studies, some of which were reviewed by New York State and New York City authorities and which included tests required by them, identified that there was a high level of lead contamination in the Western portion of the site near where the manufactured gas plant was located, and particularly in the area immediately surrounding the large gas holders in which the gas was stored.

Under the Order on Consent the entire site will be remediated in a series of Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs), of which the removal of lead contaminated soil, was one. In October 1994, Brooklyn Union, with the approval of the United States Coast Guard, installed the first IRM (IRM-I) at the Coney Island Site and in the Coney Island Creek in order to mitigate seepage into the creek. IRM-II provided further data of lead levels at the site and a NYSDEC-approved work plan that included community air monitoring consistent with NYSDOH guidance during remedial activities. The focus of IRM-II was to remove as much lead contaminated soil as possible and practicable in an early-phase IRM and to cover and contain any remaining lead soil contamination above the cleanup objectives.

Kev Report Findings and Conclusions

Sampling of the area for the IRM, as well as the actual remediation work, indicated that at approximately one foot below the surface there is a hard, asphalt-like layer, most likely enal tar, a by-product of the gas making process. It was deemed very unlikely that lead paint chips could penetrate this layer. The entire IRM area was divided into five sub-areas that contained lead levels above cleanup objectives.

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During the remediation, 250 tons of non-hazardous soil containing lead contamination and nearly 1600 tons of soil containing hazardous concentrations of lead were removed. The non-hazardous soil was recycled for reuse, and the hazardous soil was stabilized and placed in a RCRA permitted landfill. The entire work area was then covered with soil-like compost and re-seeded.

After the contaminated soil was removed, tests were performed to determine whether the lead contamination had been reduced to a level that mer or exceeded the objectives for the IRM. Except for the sub-areas immediately surrounding the large gas holder, this was achieved. Further tests of the soil immediately surrounding the large gas holder were undertaken, which indicated that this soil contained high levels of coal-tar contamination and would have to be handled differently then the lead contaminated soil. Therefore, since clean-up of coal-tar contamination is a further goal of the overall remediation program, the coal tar soil and lead (above cleanup level) mixture will be handled during later cleanup. Brooklyn Union suggested and NYSDEC approved covering the sub-area containing levels of lead that exceeded the cleanup objective with a greater amount of the soil-like compost and seed mixture. It was determined that the cover material would provide adequate interim protection before final cleanup is performed.

In summary, the objectives for this IRM were achieved. Lead contamination has been reduced to acceptable levels, where possible, in the designated areas to a depth of one foot. Lead has been removed, from the most contaminated areas and pathways, and there are now more options for removal and disposal of the underlying coal tar impacted soils as a result of the removal of the lead.

BU State Reps Available to Answer Questions

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

<u>Appendix C</u> Identification of Affected and/or Interested Parties

Bay News 1733 Sheepshead Bay . Brooklyn, NY 11235 Publisher: Ed Luster

Skyline 2123 Utica Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11234 Publisher: Greg Linder

Community Board 13 2900 West 8th Street Brooklyn, NY 11224 Charles Reichenthal

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Gravesend Athletic Association Post Office Box 023063 Brooklyn, NY 11223 Vice President: Frank Iovino

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Charles E. Schumer Congressman 1628 Kings Hwy Brooklyn, NY 11229 (District 9)

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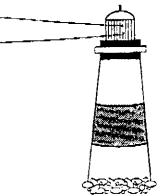
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