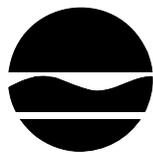


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**Remedial
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Keyspan/National Grid Front St. Former Gas Holder, Brooklyn

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FACT SHEET

Keyspan/National Grid to Conduct Site Characterization Investigation at former Manufactured Gas Holder Station

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and KEYSpan are announcing that the site characterization investigation of a former manufactured gas holder station, located on Front St. in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York will begin in the spring of 2008.

Site Description

The former holder station is located at 206 and 218 Front Street between Bridge and Gold Streets near the Manhattan Bridge. The site was used by the Brooklyn Union Gas Company as a storage and distribution facility for manufactured gas between approximately 1887 and 1916. The gas was provided to homes, businesses and industries in much the same way natural gas is used today. At the height of operation two holders (500,000 and 1,350,000 cubic foot capacities) were present on the site. No gas was manufactured on the site. Additional information on manufactured gas can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>.

Site Characterization Investigation

The principal contamination targeted by the investigation is coal tar, which is the primary byproduct associated with manufactured gas sites. Coal tar is a brownish to black liquid with an odor similar to driveway sealer. It contains a variety of environmental contaminants including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX).

Background

In 2007, Keyspan entered into a consent order with the NYSDEC that requires Keyspan to investigate and, where necessary, remediate 17 former manufactured gas sites. The former Front St. site is one of four gas holder stations in the Williamsburg area. The other sites are located on: Rutledge St, Skillman St. and Keap St. All four sites are among the 17 sites included in the consent order. Under the terms of the consent order, all work will be done under the oversight of NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. In the spring of 2008, Keyspan will begin a site characterization investigation to determine the nature of contamination at the site.

For More Information

NYSDEC, NYSDOH and KeySpan will keep you informed throughout the remedial program. Your understanding and involvement in this project will help ensure an effective remedy. If you would like more information about this project you are encouraged to review site-related documents that are available for public review at the following locations. We recommend you call ahead for an appointment.

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Location of former Front St. Holder Station outlined in white