



FACT SHEET

Manufactured Gas Plant Program

Former Scholes Street Gas Holder Site, Brooklyn NY
Site #224067

January 2014

National Grid to Conduct Site Characterization at Former Scholes Street Gas Holder Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and National Grid are announcing the Site Characterization of a former manufactured gas holder site (Holder Station, the Site), located at 154 Bogart Street, 338 Scholes Street, and 350 Scholes Street in Brooklyn, New York. The Site Characterization will begin in February 2014. The Holder Station was constructed on the Site by a predecessor to National Grid in 1892 and was operated until about 1951, when the gas holder was demolished and the Site was sold to third parties.

Site Description

The Site is located in the East Williamsburg community district of Brooklyn on approximately 1 acre of land, and is bounded by Scholes Street to the north, commercial-use buildings to the east, Meserole Street to the south, and Bogart Street to the west. Currently, the Site is developed with several newly constructed concrete and brick buildings, with the exception of a portion of one lot that serves as a storage area. The multi-story structures serve a mix of industrial and commercial uses, including office space, concrete mixing, an inventory warehouse and a showroom. The Site and most of the surrounding areas are covered by buildings and/or concrete/asphalt surfaces.

Site Characterization

In February 2007, National Grid (then KeySpan) entered into an order on consent (#A2-0552-0606) with the NYSDEC that requires National Grid to investigate and, where necessary, remediate former manufactured gas holder sites.

In February 2014, National Grid will begin a site characterization to determine whether any contamination related to the former gas holder operation exists in the soil or groundwater beneath or proximate to the Site. The Site Characterization will collect data necessary to assess the presence or absence of manufactured gas plant (MGP)-related by-products and will assess potential contaminant exposure pathways.

Site characterization activities will include drilling of soil borings, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, and collection of soil and groundwater samples for chemical analysis. All work will be done under the oversight of the NYSDEC and the NYSDOH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

NYSDEC, NYSDOH and National Grid will keep you informed throughout the remedial program. If you have any questions or if you would like to be added to the project contact list, contact the NYSDEC Project Manager. We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors or tenants and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see. If you would like more information about this project you are welcome to review site-related documents that are available to the public at the following locations. We recommend you call ahead for an appointment.

Brooklyn Public Library
Williamsburg Branch
240 Division at Marcy Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11211
Attn: Tracey Mantrone
(718) 302-3485

NYSDEC Central Office, 625 Broadway,
11th Floor
Albany, New York 12233-7014
Attn: Scott Deyette
(518) 402-9662
Email: sxdeyett@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Brooklyn Community Board 1
435 Graham Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(718) 389-0009
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Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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Site-Related Health Questions

Stephanie Selmer
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Environmental
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ESP, Corning Tower, Room 1787
Albany, New York 12237
(518) 402-7860
Email: beci@health.state.ny.us

Telephone Hotline

National Grid has a Hotline
for neighbors of the Site. The
Hotline provides an opportunity
to ask questions or leave
comments.

(718) 403-3056

If you know someone who would like to be added to the site contact list, have them contact the NYSDEC project manager above. We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

About the Manufactured Gas Plant Program:

NYSDEC has one of the most aggressive Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site investigation and remediation programs in the country. Since the problems associated with the former MGP sites were identified, NYSDEC has been working with all the utilities on a state-wide basis to identify and address the issue of MGP sites for which they may have responsibility. This effort has resulted in approximately 235 sites identified for action by the eight utilities operating in New York State. Currently we have multi-site orders or agreements with six utilities, including National Grid, and several other individual site volunteers, to address 222 MGP sites in NYS. Multi-site agreements are under negotiation with a seventh utility and several other responsible parties which have newly-identified sites.

NYSDEC continues to seek to identify any other possible MGP sites throughout the State.

For more information about the NYSDEC's MGP program, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html

Scholes Street Holder Station – Site Location and Map



Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites. County email listservs are available at the following web page:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html. It's *quick*, it's *free*, and it will help keep you *better informed*. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select. You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a countylistserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically

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