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Manufactured Gas Plant Program

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O&R Port Jervis Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site
Site #3-36-049
City of Port Jervis, NY
June 2012

Project Update and Public Information Meeting Announcement

Cleanup Action to Begin at the former Port Jervis MGP Site

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R), together with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is providing this update on the project activities for the former Port Jervis Manufactured Gas Plant located at 16 Pike St., Port Jervis, NY.

Public Information Meeting
June 19, 2012
7:00 pm
Port Jervis Recreation Center
134 Pike St.
Port Jervis, NY 12771

O&R and NYSDEC invite you to a public information meeting to discuss the cleanup activities that will be conducted at this site.

This Fact Sheet is announcing the start of remediation in July 2012. O&R has selected DA Collins as the environmental contractor to perform the remediation. Remediation is expected to last 6-8 months.

Highlights of Upcoming Activities

The approved remedy entails excavation of former MGP structures and subsurface soil from specific areas of the site. The site excavation activities will take place under a large tent-like structure with an air handling system and carbon filters. This temporary structure will control vapors, odors and dust generated by the excavation activities. The effectiveness of the structure will be verified by real-time air monitoring conducted 24-hours a day, seven days per week, throughout the project. The structure and air monitoring will ensure that local residents are not exposed to dust and vapors from the excavation above NYSDOH established guidelines. These precautions will also minimize the potential for odors from the excavation.

Soil will be excavated to a maximum depth of 20 ft. The excavated soil will be loaded into tractor trailers that will transport the material to licensed disposal sites. Truck tires will be washed before leaving the site and the truck beds will be lined and covered. Truck traffic will be routed through Matamoras to Rt. 84.

In addition to the excavation activities, several buildings and structures will be demolished in conjunction with the remediation. Buildings slated for demolition include 28 Pike St. (former Gino's Restaurant), the small white apartment building located adjacent to the O&R Operating Center and the truck bays on the O&R property.

The demolition and excavation work will be conducted Monday – Friday between 7 AM and 5PM. Noise levels will be comparable to an ordinary construction project. Parking on streets immediately adjacent to the site may be restricted. Appropriate notifications and signage will be provided as necessary.

Information Meeting

NYSDEC, NYSDOH and O&R will be holding a public information meeting on June 19, 2012 at the Port Jervis Recreation Center to discuss the details of the remedial activities and to answer questions that you may have about the project.

Background

From the mid-1800s to approximately 1959, an MGP operated at the site. As such, the site contains several structures associated with the MGP, many of which were changed, expanded, and/or abandoned over the plant's lifetime. The plant ceased regular operations in 1938, but may have continued operating in some capacity for some time thereafter. The site was later converted into a customer service center and an operations facility for O&R. A gas regulator station and communications tower are also present on the site. Investigations of the site began in 1998 with a Site Characterization, which confirmed the location of the former MGP and found that MGP-related impacts were present on the site. Remedial investigations were performed from 2000 through 2008 which found several source areas of soil contamination at the site, as well as MGP-related groundwater contamination. Details of the remedial investigations performed at the site were presented in various reports prepared by O&R (most notably the "Remedial Investigation Report – Phase II for the Port Jervis Manufactured Gas Plant Site"). After a public hearing and extended public comment period, the DEC issued a Record of Decision for this site on December 27, 2007. Copies of relevant site documents can be found at the document repositories listed below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public to stay informed. These documents include the Remedial Design Report, the Record of Decision and the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study reports.

Port Jervis Public Library
138 Pike Street
Port Jervis, NY 12771
845-856-7313

Hours : 10 AM – 9 PM (M, Tu, Th)
10 AM – 6 PM (W, F)
10 AM – 5 PM (Sa)

NYSDEC Region 3
21 South Putt Corners Rd.
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M-F 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
By Appointment

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed to the following people:

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