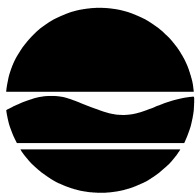


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**Project Update and Fact Sheet**  
**Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.**  
**Suffern Former MGP Site**  
Village of Suffern, Rockland County  
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**Remedial Investigation Addendum to Begin and Building  
Demolition Scheduled**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R), announces the start of additional investigation activities at the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) site located at 3 Pat Malone Drive in the Village of Suffern. O&R will perform a remedial investigation to support the development of a Feasibility Study of remedial actions at the site. The investigation will be performed at the former MGP parcel and adjacent properties, including the Village of Suffern parking lot and roadway area to the south of the former MGP parcel, on two O&R parcels to the west of the MGP parcel, and on adjacent land to the west and north owned by the New Jersey Transit Authority (see attached figure). Several previous investigations have been performed at these properties; however, additional information is needed to fully characterize the nature and extent of the MGP site-related impacts. In addition to the investigation activities, the demolition of the building at the site and remediation of the septic system has been scheduled.

**SITE BACKGROUND**

The site is located on property previously occupied by US Bus on Pat Malone Drive in the northwestern portion of the Village of Suffern. The site is located in an area that is zoned for commercial and industrial land use. The former MGP made coal gas for street lamps and other uses from about 1902 until 1935 when the MGP was closed. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, an electroplating facility was in operation at the site. More recently the site was used as a facility to manufacture school buses. In 1998, O&R entered into an Order on Consent with DEC to investigate several former MGP sites. Previous investigations have identified MGP impacts in subsurface soils and groundwater. To monitor groundwater conditions, O&R installed sentinel monitoring wells between the site and the Village of Suffern water supply wells. The sentinel wells are sampled on a quarterly basis to ensure that there are no site related impacts to the public drinking water supply. O&R purchased the US Bus property in December 2008.

**INVESTIGATION WORK AND NEXT STEPS**

A Remedial Investigation Work Plan Addendum was developed by O&R that approved by NYSDEC on June 29, 2009 and placed in the document repositories listed on this fact sheet. This work plan describes the investigation activities which will include the excavation of test pits in the footprint of a former gas holder foundation, the advancement of soil borings at all parcels of the site, and the installation of groundwater monitoring wells to further assess the extent of the groundwater impacts. The investigation field activities are anticipated to begin in October 2009 and continue for approximately eight weeks. After laboratory analyses and evaluation of the results are completed, a final written report that describes the findings and conclusions will be prepared and made available in the document repositories. NYSDEC and O&R will send out a notice and hold a public meeting to present the results of the remedial

investigation once it is completed. After that, a Feasibility Study will be conducted to evaluate possible alternatives to clean up the site.

## BUILDING DEMOLITION WORK

O&R purchased the former MGP parcel in December 2008 in order to perform the additional site investigation activities, and to conduct whatever remediation DEC determines is necessary. Originally, the Village of Suffern requested that the existing buildings at the site be demolished as soon as possible. However, in response to public comments and concerns, O&R and the Village of Suffern agreed to postpone the demolition and septic system work until December when the athletic fields are no longer in use. The demolition is anticipated to begin in December 2009, and will be completed by March 2010. During an investigation performed around the buildings during O&R's real estate transfer in 2008, low levels of contamination were identified in soil and groundwater around the building's septic system. O&R will remove the existing septic system and the adjacent contaminated soil as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM). The IRM activities proposed by O&R for this area have been approved by DEC and DOH. The property transfer investigation results, and the work plan for building demolition may be viewed at the document repositories indicated below.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Copies of the Remedial Investigation Work Plan Addendum, together with other site-related documents, are available for your review at the document repositories listed below. Your comments and suggestions about the Citizen Participation program and investigation and remedial work for the Suffern MGP Site are always welcome. If you would like more information about this project, you are invited to visit the document repositories listed below. The repositories are located at:

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