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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ☒ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence.

The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/360164/>

*(*Repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance)*

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Who to Contact

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

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**For more information about New York's
Manufactured Gas Plant Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/24904.html

FACT SHEET

Manufactured Gas Plant Program

CE – Woodworth Ave. MGP
Woodworth & Ashburton Ave
Yonkers, NY 10701

April 2021

SITE No. 360164
NYSDEC REGION 3

Investigation to Begin at Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (“remedial party”) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the CE - Woodworth Ave. MGP Yonkers site (“site”) located at Woodworth and Ashburton Avenues, Yonkers, Westchester County. Please see the map for the site location.

Investigation Work Plan: The investigation work plan, called a “Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP)”, was developed under New York’s Manufactured Gas Plant Program. NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will oversee the investigation.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/360164/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under “Where to Find Information.”
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Highlights of the Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, sediment, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Past investigations in the area have determined that contamination exists at the site. Coal tar and its byproducts are present in the site’s subsurface. Coal tar is a contaminant often associated with Manufactured Gas Plants (MGPs).

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil and bedrock borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination as well as off-site impacts;
- Installing test pits to identify possible off-site impacts;
- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-site; and
- Sediment sampling to identify possible impacts to the Hudson River.

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Next Steps: The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, the remedial party with oversight provided by NYSDEC will conduct a "Feasibility Study." This study uses information developed during the site investigation to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up contamination related to the site. The information collected during the site investigation may also support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination. NYSDEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Decision Document." This plan describes the remedy preferred by NYSDEC, or, if warranted, a no action or no further action alternative.

The goal of the plan will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will announce the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet and will present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period.

Site Description: The former MGP is located on the west side of Woodworth Avenue between Babcock Place to the north, Alexander Street to the west, and Ashburton Avenue to the south. The site area covers approximately 4.3 acres and is divided into western and eastern sections by rail lines of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad. The site is currently occupied by the Metro North Railroad and commercial properties. Land use surrounding the site is mixed-use residential, commercial, and industrial. The Hudson River is located approximately 400 feet west of the site. The MGP operated from 1854 to 1930. Post-MGP site use includes an automotive service center, commercial storage, paint manufacturer, the Metro North railroad, and a bakery.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on

NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 360164) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/index.cfm?pageid=3>

MGP Program Overview: New York's MGP Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of former MGP sites. Sites where contamination has been released to the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup, and monitoring.

The gas manufacturing process involved the heating of coal and/or petroleum products to produce a gas mixture. Once cooled and purified, the gas was distributed through a local pipeline network. The gas was used for heating and cooking much like natural gas is used today. In the early years, the gas was also used for lighting in homes and in streetlights. A dense, oily liquid known as coal tar would condense out of the gas at various stages during its production, purification and distribution, and be discharged to the subsurface.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the MGPs, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>

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

DECInfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location Map

